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## Jury finds teen not guilty in swan shooting case

by Cheryl Ruley  
Staff Writer

A jury of six citizens took about 15 minutes to return a "not guilty" verdict last Friday in a case against a local teen accused of shooting two trumpeter swans last October.

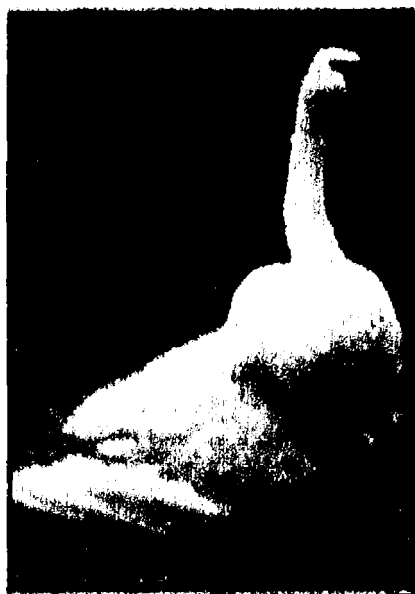
The birds were part of a six member family that has become very popular with Grayling residents and visitors to the banks of the AuSable River near the Grayling City Park. One juvenile swan or cygnet was found shot to death October 5, 2003 and an adult female was found with an injured wing six days later on the riverbank.

During the two-day trial, February 26 and 27, in 87th District Court before Judge John G. Hunter, the frozen body of the cygnet was presented as evidence and testimony was given regarding other hunters being in the area when the swans were shot.

The jury was unable to find 19-year old Grayling resident Mathew Patrick Harwood guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and the case was dismissed by Judge Hunter.

Harwood had been charged with one count of taking/possessing/buying/selling and endangered species - a misdemeanor that could have landed the teen in jail for 90 days and fines up to \$2,500. He pleaded innocent to the charge October 21, 2003.

Another teen, also charged in



File photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

**The adult female swan shot last fall will never return to the wild due to injuries to her wing.**

the case with the same misdemeanor, will go to trial in Probate Court before Hunter on March 17. The name of that suspect will not be published due to age at the time of the incident.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer John Huspen said the surviving swan is doing well, but is unable to fly and will never be able to be released back into the wild.

The swan was initially treated by local veterinarian Dr. Troy Fairbanks DVM, of the Grayling Hospital for Animals, then received further treatment and rehabilitation at Michigan State University's School of Veterinary Medicine.

## City agrees to pay more for streetscape

► City council members support project, but wary of rising costs

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council voted 5-0 to approve the city's contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the upcoming streetscape project, and in doing so, committed the city to paying a higher amount than previously agreed.

At last Monday's regular council meeting, city council members discussed the streetscape contract and the increased price tag: from \$225,000 to \$406,000 for the city's grant match.

The streetscape project, which will bring about a variety of aesthetic changes to the I-75 Business Loop from the south end of town to M-72 East, will be funded through an MDOT enhancement grant (which includes state and federal money and local matching funds).

Councilperson Kim McClain said she was "disappointed" and

felt "blindsided" by the price increase, but was still in favor of the streetscape project. "No one has been more excited about the streetscape than Kim McClain," she said.

"I think it's a good project, something Grayling needs," said Mayor Joe Ferrigan.

Councilman Dennis Palmer said, "I know (MDOT) is kind of holding our feet to the fire," but the city could lose out on future grant money if it were to back out at this point.

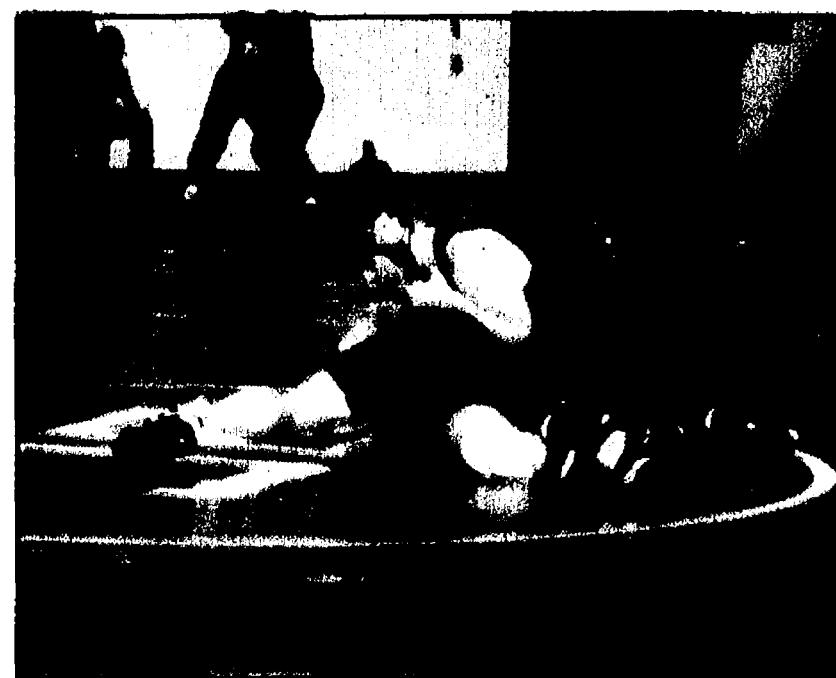
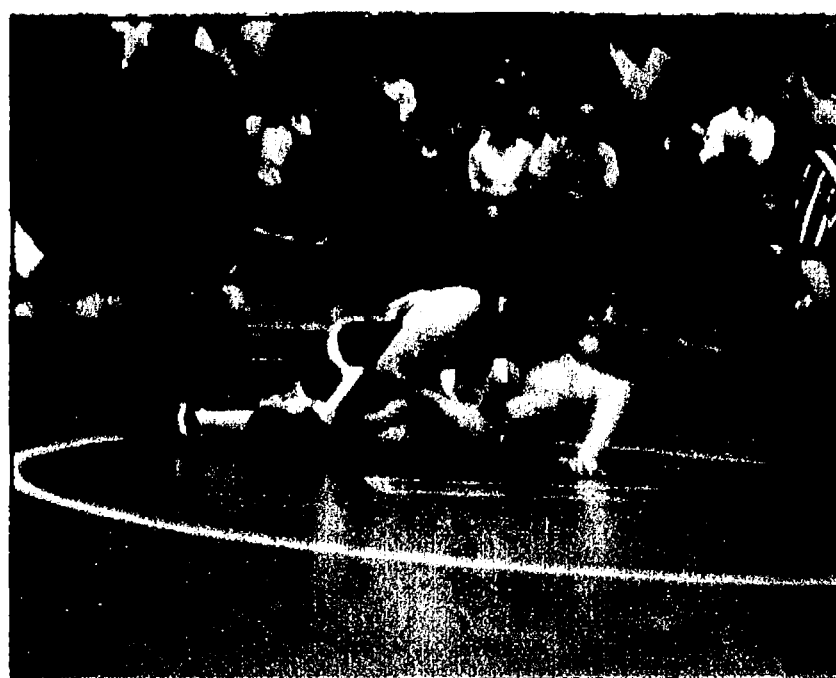
"My concern is that they'll want more and more money and we'll get nothing more for it," Mayor Ferrigan said.

Ferrigan asked City Manager Allen Lowe about the availability of money for the project. Lowe said there is money in the city's income tax fund that can be used.

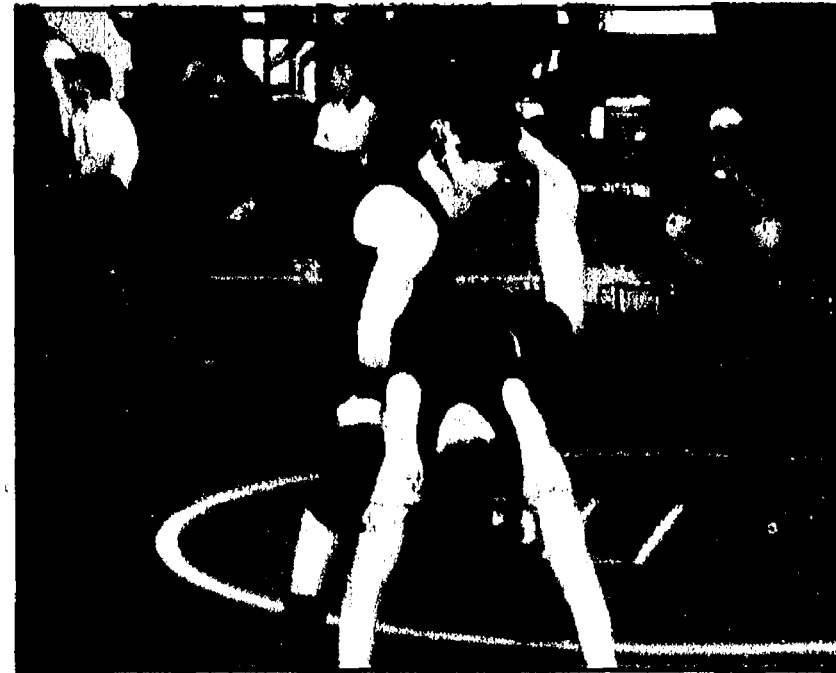
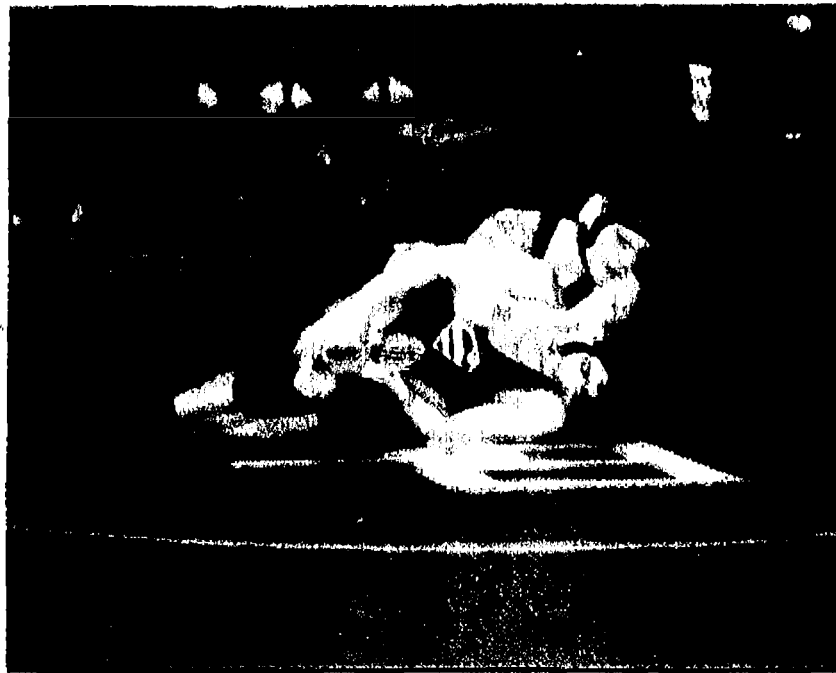
Ultimately, the council voted 5-0 to approve the contract as presented and have City Manager Lowe sign on behalf of the city.

According to Lowe, the streetscape grant now includes approximately \$931,000 (\$406,250 from the city, \$67,600 from MDOT, and \$438,050 in federal funds).

## State Qualifiers



Four Grayling High School wrestlers - Dusty Partello (top left), Darryl Babbitt (top right), Brandon Pratt (bottom left), and Joel Wilson (bottom right) - finished high enough at Individual Regionals last week to qualify for the State Finals, which will be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 11-13. Pictured: Partello wrestles against a Benzie Central opponent, Babbitt goes up against a Mason County Central wrestler, and Pratt and Wilson compete against Shelby opponents at Individual Regionals on Saturday. For more on the wrestling team, see Page 9B.



## Imagine that! It's the Cat in the Hat!



Photo by Susan Warrington

The Cat in the Hat (aka Bonnie Brewer) came to visit and read "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish" to the students at AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools Monday morning. The visit by the mischievous feline kicked off "Reading Month" for the schools and also helped students commemorate the 100th birthday of Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss (March 2).

## Deadline passes on potential land deal

► No response offered on Road Commission's initial proposal

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

A possible land deal involving the Crawford County Road Commission and an investment/realty company, which would free up the property the Road Commission now occupies for a potential undisclosed business venture, now appears doubtful.

On January 29, at a Road Commission Board regular meeting, the board voted 3-0 to make a proposal to the investment/realty company: \$10 million for the Road Commission's property. The figure was based on estimates from the Road Commission's engineering firm, Northwest Design Group (NDG). NDG estimated it would cost around \$8 million to relocate the Road Commission's facilities, not including property purchase for a new site, legal expenses, and financing.

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# Don't forget to 'Have a Heart for the Animals'

Since late last month, many local businesses have joined hands with the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc. to raise funds through the annual "Have a Heart for the Animals" campaign.

Anyone concerned with the care and welfare of homeless animals in Crawford County can show their support for the local shelter by making a donation of \$1 or more and putting their names on a bright pink paper heart to be displayed in the more than 30 businesses around the county.

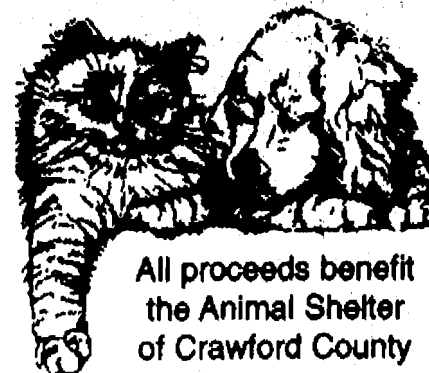
"We would really like to see all of these businesses coated with pink hearts of support as the shelter comes through one of our coldest winters of late," said

Sharon Priebe, president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

"There have been many bitter cold nights this winter, with temperatures more than 20 below zero, and the heat bills have increased quite a bit because of it," she said. "And, as with so many other businesses and residents, gas rates have also increased, giving the shelter a double whammy."

Tax-deductible donations may also be made to the shelter by mail. Make check or money order payable to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

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To learn how you can help or volunteer, call Vice President Dixie Lobsinger at 348-4117 or 348-9178.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling, between the Grayling Eagles Hall and the Crawford County Road Commission.

## Last of four suspects pleads guilty

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The last of four men arrested last summer on drug charges, and for taking police on a short chase, has come to a plea agreement with the Crawford County Prosecutor's office.

Raymond Theopolis Jacobs entered a guilty plea in 46th Circuit Trial Court, February 20, on a misdemeanor charge of marijuana possession in exchange for the dismissal of a Habitual Offender charge for the August 5, 2003 incident.

His previous convictions include three for possession of cocaine, two for home invasion, and probation violations.

As a Habitual Offender, Jacobs faced up to 15 years in prison had he gone to trial and been found guilty of the marijuana charge.

Two of the suspects in the incident, Woodrow Anthony Brand and Dennis James Cavanaugh, pleaded guilty and were sentenced late last year on drug possession charges. Cavanaugh has since violated

his probation and was sent back to jail for 45 days.

The driver in the incident, Joe Ronnie Jacobs (Raymond's brother) was sentenced in December to two to four years in prison for felony fleeing from police. He also had prior drug convictions that qualified his prison time for doubling under the state's Habitual Offender law.

Raymond Jacobs remains in jail awaiting sentencing on March 11 before Judge Dennis F. Murphy.

## County fills vacant seat on Library Board

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A new member has been seated on the Crawford County Library Board of Directors, fulfilling the term of a member who resigned in January.

Freelance writer Jim Smith

was appointed February 17 by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to serve out the term of former Library Board secretary Judy Morford. His term will expire October 31, 2007.

Smith is originally from the small Thumb-area town of Almont and moved permanently to Grayling Township seven years ago. He has 20 years experience in the automotive engineering industry, including technical writing, documentation, and development of training programs.

For four years now, Smith has been an outdoor writer for *Woods and Water News*. He is also an editorial contributor to *Whisper in the Woods*, a monthly photo magazine published out of Traverse City, and is currently on retainer as a writer for *National Boat Digest*.

Last spring, Smith was hired as General Manager of Wellington Farm Park, working on a part time basis. He is also the secretary of the Grayling Sportman's Club, leading the Hunter Safety Program for young people.

Smith said he really enjoyed the years he spent working with the Boy Scouts, teaching swimming and other activities. He said the best thing a parent can do for their child, besides correcting their English, is to teach them to swim. "It could save their life one day," he said.

Smith decided to become involved in the local library system because he would like to help area youths. "There is tremendous opportunity to help young people through the library," he said.

## Deadline passes on potential land deal

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In the proposal, the Road Commission included a reply deadline of February 25. The deadline passed last week, and as of Thursday, February 26, the Road Commission had not received a response in writing or by telephone, Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said.

"I guess it's a pretty much a dead deal," Babcock said.

Road Commission board members said the company may need more time and could be putting together a counter-proposal, so the status of the deal is still unknown.

Representatives from the investment/realty company approached the Road Commission Board in person in January of 2004, wanting to know if the Road Commission was interested in selling all or part of its property.

Road Commission officials have said they will consider the proposition as long as selling the property will provide the Road Commission with enough money to completely relocate its facilities.



## Three departments battle pole building blaze



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

An old pole building used for storage by Superior Finishers, Inc. in Grayling was a total loss after fire swept through the 1,200 square foot metal and wood structure on February 25, just before 4:30 p.m. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Grayling City and Township Fire Department personnel were assisted by Frederic Township Fire and EMS and Beaver Creek Township Fire Department for the three-alarm fire. Mobile Medical Response provided an ambulance on standby.

## Fire department receives three gas detectors

District Health Department #10 recently donated six carbon monoxide (CO) detectors to local fire departments that service the 10-county district.

The Health Department contacted all departments throughout the district to survey which departments had a need for CO detectors.

With the advent of monies recently released by the federal government for Homeland Security, many departments already have or will be soon receiving CO detectors through that program.

However, even after these efforts, many departments were still in need of this type of air quality monitoring equipment. With only six detectors to donate, health department staff chose the receiving departments on an "as needed" basis.

Grayling City and Township

Fire Department was chosen to receive a new CO detector, giving fire fighters two at their disposal.

Because this department services a large area and is sometimes called to respond to more

than one call at a time, the additional CO detector will allow personnel to conduct testing in two locations simultaneously if the need arises.

In addition to the CO detectors, Grayling fire officials also received a donation of two Hydrogen Sulfide detectors for use in detecting sour natural gas.

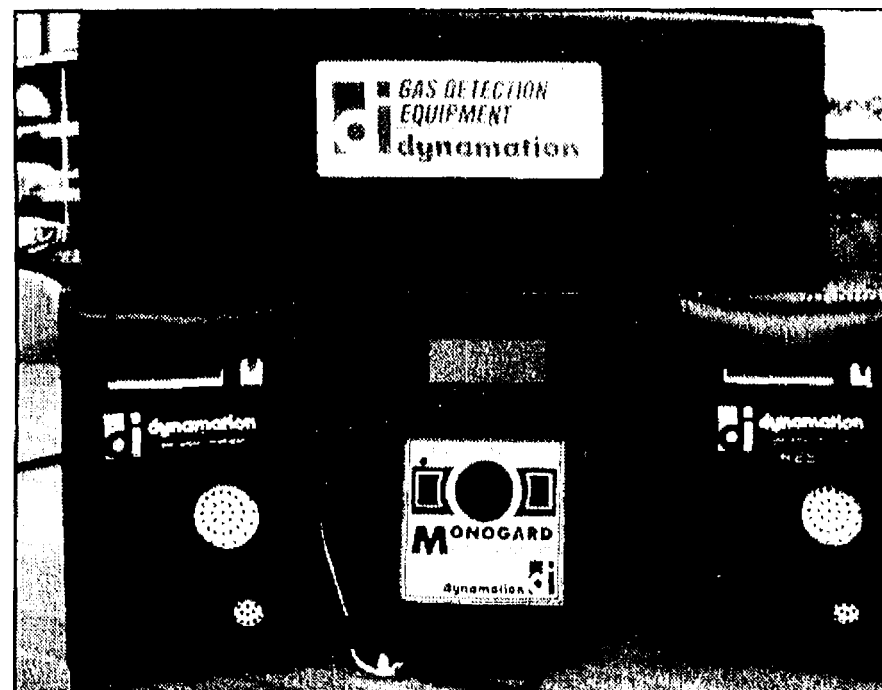


Photo courtesy of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department

Grayling City and Township Fire Department recently received three new detection tools from the health department as part of Homeland Security efforts.

## County offers new environmental grants

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners has approved a program to grant up to \$10,000 to municipalities within the county for environmental projects.

The funds will come from the Enforcement and Recycling Fund which, in turn, received revenue from Waste Management for operation of the Waters Landfill. This program will not effect the county's General Fund in any way.

Municipalities may undertake projects themselves, or may use the grant money to fund projects

spearheaded by citizens' groups, for example, a property owners association or other recognized club, group or organization.

These organizations cannot apply for a grant themselves, but must work in conjunction with the appropriate municipality.

There will be minimal restrictions on the grants. Briefly, the projects must lie within the boundaries of the municipality, must benefit the citizens and environment of Crawford County, and must be supported by any required permit or license.

An initial total of \$10,000 per year is available for the environmental grants, with a 25 percent matching fund requirement. The deadline for applications for the 2004 Fiscal Year is March 15.

Any questions about the new environmental grant program should be directed to Bruce Patrick, Crawford County Environmental Monitor, at (989) 344-3258.

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## End of hibernation will bring black bears back into play

by Susan Warrington  
Staff Writer

Spring is coming and it won't be long before black bears will be out and about.

Since food is scarce when the bears reappear, they will come to birdfeeders and other places where people have been feeding animals.

To avoid the unwelcome appearance of a hungry bear in your yard or on your porch, take down your birdfeeders.

Approaching an adult bear is a foolhardy thing. Even when they appear regularly to eat the food you are putting out for them, they are not tame. People may want their picture taken with a bear and in some cases, will even place their child on the bear's back for that "oh so cute"

picture. Although, except in the spring and during the rut, black bears are pretty even-tempered they are unpredictable and can severely injure or kill a human in a very short time.

Even more foolhardy is an attempt to get near those cute cubs since the mother bear will see your presence as a threat to her baby and will react accordingly.

Also, motorists should be alert for bears crossing roads because they are intent on their purposes and are not waiting for traffic to clear.

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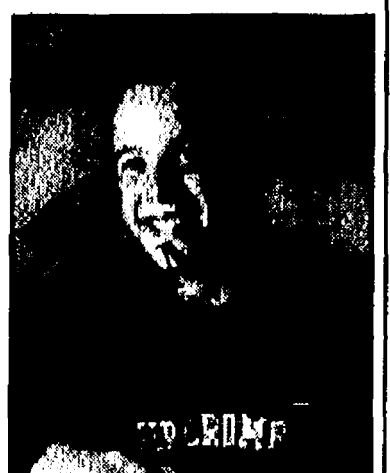
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Who's the most electable?

THE SHOUTING is about to come to a close -- isn't it? -- and Sen. John Kerry, another Massachusetts Democrat -- is about to be crowned as Democratic candidate for president -- isn't he?

Sure, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina has been putting up a spirited fight, but to this point, it just doesn't seem to be coming together for the personable Mr. Edwards, who has been emphasizing recent political history in his campaigning.

When was the last time a non-southern Democrat was elected president, anyway, he asks? The last two Democrats to win the White House both were stalwart sons of the South, William Clinton of Arkansas and James Carter of Georgia.

Other recent Democratic candidates -- northern liberals all -- have fallen one after the other ..... Michael Dukakis, Walter Mondale, George McGovern, Hubert Humphrey.

So why take a chance with anyone other than another southerner, such as John Edwards?

Nonsense, counter Kerry backers. Keep in mind the last non-southern Democrat to win was another Democratic senator from Massachusetts with the initials JFK? Is this not fate? Is this not John Kerry's destiny?

They may be right.

But also keep in mind nothing is certain until the delegates are counted at the national Democratic convention in Boston in August.

Until then, primaries or no, anything can happen.

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**ELECTABILITY** -- Much of the Democratic primary season has turned on the slippery question of which candidate can win in November.

Mr. Kerry, once he won a couple of primaries and caucuses, relied on electability as one of his key arguments

I can win in November, he argues, because he has won in Iowa and New Hampshire and Michigan and on and on. Nobody else can win in November because they are not winning these pri-

maries .... except one here or there.

Former Gov. Howard Dean used the same logic in the early running. He could win in November, his fans argued, because he was leading in all the polls.

Sure, Mr. Kerry seems invincible now. He wins almost everything in sight. But so far, only Democrats have been voting in primaries and caucuses, which are run by the Democratic party and are part of the party process for selecting a nominee.

In the general election in November, Republicans and Independents will be voting, too, and then Mr. Kerry or any other primary winners may not seem so invincible. Oh, sure. Non Democrats sneak into some of the party's primaries and caucuses, but mainly it's a partisan process.

General elections are different. How John Kerry or any other candidate will fare in a general election cannot be measured completely by primary and caucus results..... or by public polls, either.

Sen. Edwards' cautions about any

Democratic candidate needing the South to win the White House is part of the same mantra about electability. Because the Democrats need the South to win, goes this logic, the party must select a candidate from the South to carry the South and provide the margin of victory in November.

All this emphasis on electability is interesting, but it's sad, too.

Should not the emphasis be on the substance of the campaign instead of on the surface matter of electability?

Shouldn't we be more concerned about what a candidate stands for and what he/she plans to do for the country once elected?

Getting elected is important, of course. But what happens after the election is even more important.

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**WHO'S FOR VEEP** -- Once it appears more and more likely that John Kerry will be the Democratic candidate for president, it becomes more and more likely that speculation will accelerate

about the rest of the ticket.

Who's for vice president?

Most smart money at this point is on joining the last major Democratic candidates standing on the same ticket, which seems like a plausible idea.

With Sen. Kerry at the head of the ticket, why not add the southern Sen. Edwards as vice president? Sens. Kerry and Edwards would make a strong ticket.

When the subject was broached at a recent debate, Sen. Edwards agreed.

"I think an Edwards-Kerry ticket would be powerful," he said, and he didn't appear to be joking, either.

At least John Edwards has maintained a sense of balance, which will serve him well in his continuing political career.

*Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.*

# EDITOR

## Former resident shares firestorm experience

To the editor,

This is just a note to say we're all right. You may have been included in our hasty e-mail broadcast advising of our impending evacuation during the historic Cedar fire last October. Fortunately, a shift in wind direction saved the day for us although others were less fortunate.

At 1 a.m. on October 26, our daughter, Elizabeth, telephone to report a fire was raging on the eastern mountain ridge, less than a mile from their Country Estate home. I rushed over to calm the family and consider an evacuation plan.

As we gathered important documents and valuables, a deputy sheriff drove by ordering "Evacuate your homes now, the fire is heading this way!"

We loaded Liz's car with the children and valuables, and she followed me through heavy smoke to our Ramona home, located three miles west. Her husband, Scott, remained behind vowing to fight to save their home. But, within the hour, Scott was ordered to again evacuate; he reluctantly complied.

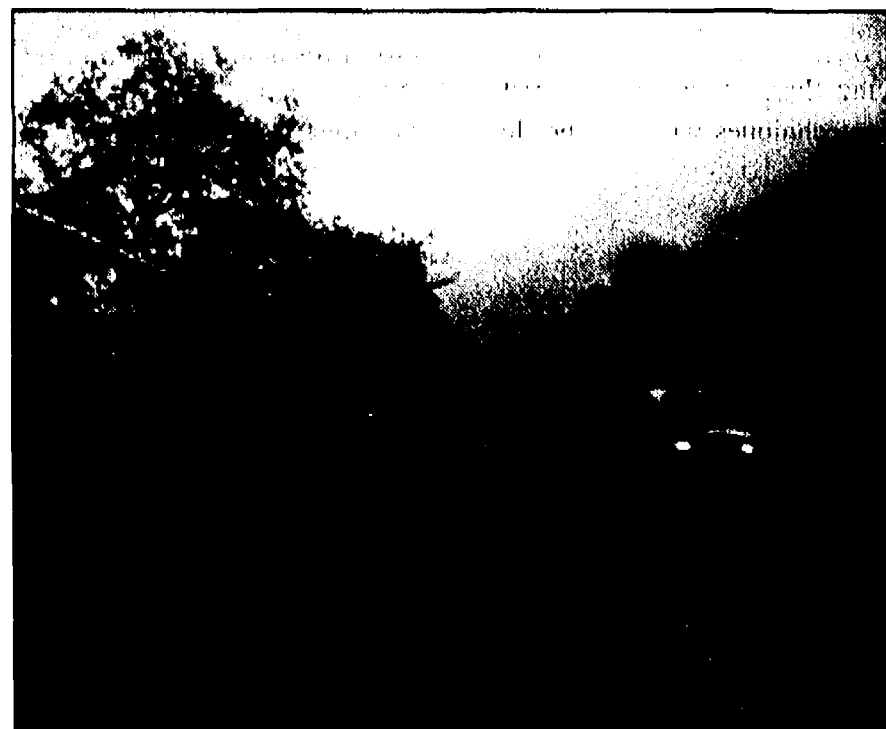
Because of nearby fire and smoke, Scott and I maintained an all-night vigil, noting there was a dark, red ridge of fire to the south, visible from our bay window. It stretched the entire southern horizon and was within two miles.

By daylight on October 27, we got a reprieve when the wind direction went south. The next 24 hours were touch and go. Then we observed our neighbor lady and sons were wetting down their roof and surrounding land. She yelled out, "Get ready to evacuate, the winds have changed again!"

Her husband is a professional fire fighter who was away saving our community. Telephone service at this time was sporadic at best. But, we managed to e-mail our friends of possible evacuation. Our valuables were in the cars and we were ready to scramble. But then, those now high winds were heading away again.

That night we visited a nearby bluff where we could see a ring of fires around Ramona. We could see the fire creeping up the southern side of Mt. Woodson. We heard moments earlier that Mt. Wilson, site of the famous observatory, was also being threatened as flames were jumping across Highway 79. At that time, all arteries leading out of Ramona were blocked. But then, conditions improved with a little help from rain and slowing winds and we felt safe at last.

Alas, others were not so fortunate. Before it had run its course, the Cedar fire killed 14 people, burned more than 337,000 acres and destroyed more than 2,200 homes. At the same time, the Paradise and Otay fires were also



raging in San Diego County with another 100,000 or so acres burned with an additional loss of lives.

Many are asking why so many of Ramona's aircraft were denied permission to fight the fire. Our airport is the regional air-attack base for the state Forestry and Fire Protection Department and the U.S. Forest Service since 1958. It is perhaps the busiest fire-fighting attack base in the world.

The February issue of *Readers Digest* magazine has a very moving account of this terrible firestorm. By all means, do try and read the story. But in so doing, please note that Ramona is not mentioned. Perhaps some politics here? We're not even on the map of the area. You be the judge.

The Cedar fire began in the Cleveland National Forest near Ramona as a small fire allegedly started by a lot deer hunter in distress. It is named for Cedar Creek Falls near where the fire started.

Ramona is an unincorporated community with a population of around 16,000 and is situated 40 miles northeast of downtown San Diego. Our population may appear huge by Grayling standards, but it's spread out over 15 square miles. We're a typical small, western town with a main

street and U.S. Post Office, just like Grayling. Perhaps we have a few more antique stores and food markets -- no WalMart yet.

In conclusion, this was truly the fire from hell. Fortunately, Elizabeth's home survived, but a dozen others there did not. This fire has drawn us closer together as a community, just as World War II did in all our towns and country.

And, federal, state, and municipal agencies have joined to form a more coherent response team. Importantly, if will now permit air assets of the military to be part of a joint fire-fighting effort and free up Ramona fire-fighting aircraft that were held back for political reasons.

Final thought. How well is your community coordinated to respond to any huge fire threat, God forbid, from tri-state National Guard artillery or air bombardment in Crawford County?

David A. Olsen  
Ramona, CA

(Editor's note: Mr. Olsen is a former resident of Lovells and Grayling and attended Grayling High School during 1951 and 1952. The photo was taken by his daughter, Elizabeth, as a sheriff's deputy escorted her to view the condition of her property.)

## Act of kindness puts world in brighter light

To the editor,

As a Hospice nurse, I see first hand the devastation that illness can do to an individual and their family.

Maybe six months ago the patient was able to shovel snow, or cut the grass. Today, they may need oxygen just to get to the bathroom. A few months ago, they may have had only two medicines to take, today they have 10.

Six months ago they could pay for the two medicines; today, they may have to choose to buy medicine or eat. Six months ago, they were able to cook for themselves, today they depend on Meals on Wheels. Six months ago, they were able to drive, today they can't and the illness has taken its toll.

I made my second visit of the day to one of my patients to bring her husband's medicine. She greeted me at the door with her hands holding her face and said, "Guess what?" Of course, my heart sank thinking something had happened since my

earlier visit.

She explained to me that her husband was using a roof rake to try and get some of the snow off the roof. Apparently, two people saw him trying to do this, and saw that he was having a hard time and was obviously exhausted. They came over, took the rake and finished removing the snow from the roof.

What I want you to know is that her husband was so touched, he had tears in his eyes when he came in the house and told her about the help.

She was not able to get their names and she wants to let the Good Samaritans know how much she appreciates their act of kindness. So, please, to the gentlemen who helped the "young man" clear his roof near Abby's, your kindness has not gone unnoticed by my clients or myself. Your actions made every one of us look at the world in a brighter light.

Arlene Fraley, RN  
Frederic

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Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

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The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.



# BRIEFS

## Genealogy meeting scheduled

A genealogy meeting will be held Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. The theme of the evening's discussion will be how to research and seek information of female ancestors. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Sandy Steele at the Frederic Library at 348-4067.

## American Legion Auxiliary to meet

The regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary Post 106 will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10 at the American Legion Hall on James Street (I-75 Business Loop) in Grayling.

## Sheriff to attend Frederic meeting

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Frederic Township Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. Anyone with questions or comments for the sheriff should feel free to attend this meeting. Sheriff Wakefield will be in attendance throughout the meeting and remain afterwards for additional questions and comments, if necessary.

## Forestry training program offered

MSU Extension is offering two Sustainable Forestry Education training programs for logging contractors, foresters, and landowners on Tuesday, March 9. Presented that day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be "Forest Health," and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., "Wildlife Management." Classes will be held at the Georgia Pacific Training Center, N-4 Entrance, 2212 Dickerson Road in Gaylord. To register, for one or both classes, call the Crawford County MSU Extension office at (989) 344-3263 or (989) 344-3281, or register on-line at [www.msue.msu.edu/crawford/sfc.htm](http://www.msue.msu.edu/crawford/sfc.htm). Register by noon on Monday, March 8.

## MDA begins shamrock campaign

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) has begun its annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign. Customers to many local businesses can buy and sign \$1 and \$5 Shamrocks that will be displayed to show their support for MDA's continuing fight against neuromuscular diseases. MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat more than 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, services, and professional and public health education. The Shamrocks campaign runs through March 17.

## Little League's Player Registration Night to be held March 17

Grayling Little League will begin accepting sign-ups for the 2004 season at Player Registration Night on Wednesday, March 17. The event will be held at the Grayling Holiday Inn from 7-9 p.m.

The league offers four divisions of baseball and girls softball (divisions will be based on enrollment).

Registration fee is \$25 per player (with a family maximum of \$50) and each player is responsible for a \$20 fundraising fee for Home Run Cards. (These cards can be sold to eliminate the

fee.)

To register a player for little league, bring a copy of his/her birth certificate and \$45 per player in fees to Player Registration Night. Players registering at this event will be eligible for door prizes.

Registration continues at Sylvester's until April 16.

If you have any questions regarding Little League, call League President Rich Alexander at 348-5709 or Player Agent Dusty Latusek at 348-6488.

## Local fitness center aims to top 2003

Curves 30 Minute Fitness and Weight Loss Center in Grayling will be joining the Curves International Inc. "Food for Friends" food drive to benefit local food banks.

Last year, the Curves food drive collected over 4,250,000 pounds of food for local communities across the nation. In Grayling alone, 1,456 pounds of non-perishable food was collected. The local Curves club is looking forward to topping that number in 2004.

Anyone joining Curves the

week of March 8 may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived. However, anyone may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves, Monday through Friday during business hours.

"The Food for Friends promotion allows us, the franchisees, to help more women reach their fitness goals, while giving back to the community simultaneously," said Grayling Curves club owner, Tracey Leonard.

Curves is located at 1155 I-75 Business Loop in Grayling.

## State Park to host Maple Syrup Day

Plan to spend the day Saturday, March 20 at Hartwick Pines State Park to enjoy learning about North America's oldest agricultural product - maple sugar.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day, visitors to the park will be able to:

- Walk into the sugarbush to help tap a maple tree;
- Observe the boil-down process which converts maple sap to maple syrup;
- Learn about the history of maple sugar-making in North America;
- View videos titled, "Maple Sugar Farmer," "Maple Sugaring," and "The Maple Sugaring Story;"
- Ask questions about backyard and commercial sugaring of special guest, Russell Kidd, MSU Extension Forestry Agent;
- Taste maple sap and the finished maple syrup; and
- Purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup.

Special activities for children will include helping to "build-a-

tree," making a (paper) mokuk, and playing a photosynthesis game. These activities instruct kids of all ages about how trees make their own food, what sap is, and how trees are made up of many layers beneath the outer protective bark.

Making a paper mokuk replica provides a history lesson and discussion about how European settlers learned of the Native Americans' sugaring culture. A mokuk is a birch bark container in which native peoples transported maple sugar.

Visitors will be able to taste maple syrup and sap, smell the aroma around an outside evaporator pan, and welcome spring at this educational and fun event.

Maple recipes will be available for those wishing to savor the sweetness of the day.

There is no fee for this event, but a motor vehicle permit is required for park entry.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located two miles east of I-75 exit 259, six miles northeast of Grayling.

## Sign up now for state park's spring fly tying workshops

Start planning for the opening of Trout Fishing Season by signing up now for one of two fly tying workshops to be held at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 17.

Participants of the workshop will learn how to tie five popular patterns including the elk hair caddis and the wooly bugger.

The workshops will be held at the Michigan Forest Visitor Center and run from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Besides the instruction in tying flies, fly casting and fishing techniques will also be discussed and demonstrated for beginners.

The cost of the workshop is \$45 and includes equipment and materials to tie over a dozen flies. Equipment will be provided to use. A \$10 reservation fee is required to secure a spot, with the \$35 balance due the day of the workshop.

Hartwick Pines State Park is located two miles east of I-75 exit 259, six miles northeast of Grayling. The park contains 9,672 acres, including approximately five miles of the East Branch of the AuSable River, one of the best trout streams in North America. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. Permits are \$6 for a resident daily permit or \$24 for a resident annual permit.

For more information and to sign up, call Chris Kline at (989) 344-1343.

## RAFFLE WINNERS

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending February 29 - winners of \$25 each: Sarah Golnick, Nancy Schultz, Bill Holton.

### VA Fundraiser for Fun

Winners of the 14th annual VA Fundraiser for Fun Raffle, held Saturday, February 21, are: 1st prize (\$1,000) Belinda J. Radtka of Higgins Lake; 2nd prize (\$500) Tim Erskine of Hemlock; 3rd Prize (Sony DVD/VCR) Jill Singletary of Whittaker; 4th prize (\$200 Home Depot Gift Certificate) Pat Meeker (no city provided).

### 2004 Graduating Seniors!!!

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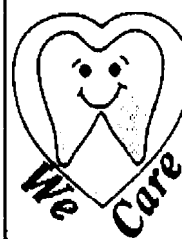
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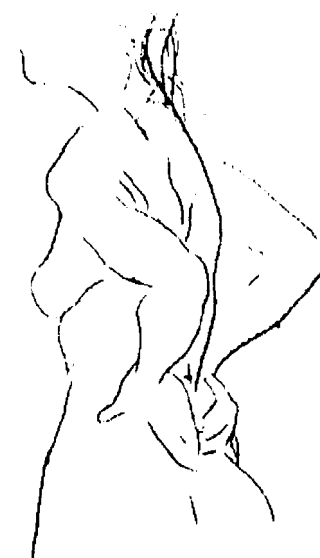
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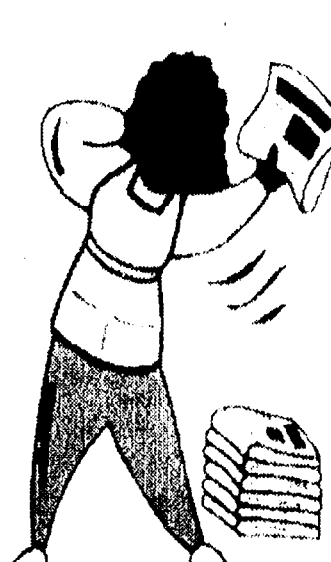
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# The Bible Speaks

## Are You Saved

Most of us remember when a number of candidates for president were publicly asked who was their favorite philosopher. George W. Bush replied, "Christ, because He changed my heart." Evangelist Arthur Blessitt did not publicly reveal his diary record of his meeting with George W. Bush for 17 years until Mr. Bush shared his faith more publicly.

Blessitt now reveals his understanding of an event which took place on April 3, 1984 during a private meeting in Midland, Texas with two oilmen, Jim Sales and George W. Bush. During the informal meeting Blessitt asked Mr. Bush, "What is your relationship with Jesus?" He replied, "I'm not sure". Then Blessitt said, "Let me ask you this question. If you died this moment do you have the assurance you would go to heaven?" Bush replied, "No." Blessitt said, "Then let me explain to you how you can have that assurance and know for sure that you are saved." Bush replied, "I like that."

Blessitt shared dozens of Bible verses with Bush including, Romans 3:23; Matthew 5:8; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 10:13, John 14:6; John 1:43; Mark 8:34; and John 14:27, explaining to him how to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. When he finished sharing the scriptures he said, "The call of Jesus is for us to repent and believe! The choice is like this. Would you rather live with Jesus in your life or live without Him?" Mr. Bush replied "With Him" Blessitt asked, "Had you rather spend eternity with Jesus or without Him?" Mr. Bush replied, "With Jesus."

Following more discussion Blessitt said, "Mr. Bush I would like to pray a prayer for you and then lead you in a prayer of commitment and salvation. You can become a follower of Jesus now" Mr. Bush replied, "I'd like that." The following is Blessitt's copy of a prayer similar to the prayer he prayed and Mr. Bush repeated on April 3, 1984.

"Dear God I believe in you and I need you in my life. Have mercy on me a sinner. Lord Jesus as best as I know how, I want to follow you. Cleanse me from my sins and come into my life as my Savior and Lord. I believe You lived without sin, died on the cross for my sins and arose again on the third day and have now ascended unto the Father. I love you Lord, take control of my life. I believe you hear my prayer. I welcome the Holy Spirit of God to lead me in Your way. I forgive everyone and ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me love for all people. Lead me to care for the needs of others. Make my home in Heaven and write my name in Your book in Heaven. I accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and desire to be a true believer in and follower of Jesus. Thank you God for hearing my prayer. In Jesus name I pray."

The sources for the above quotes are from Arthur Blessitt's website, and/or "The Faith of George W. Bush" written by Stephen Mansfield. We have chosen this example of a person being saved to publicly illustrate that eternal salvation is the same for all people from all walks of life from a poor immigrant speaking broken English to the President of the United States. We all stand equal at the foot of the

cross of Jesus Christ. We were all created equal in God's image. (Genesis 1:26,27). We are all equally sinful before the presence of a Holy God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom 3:23). We all face condemnation and eternal death because of our sin. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom 6:23). Yet in our lost and sinful condition God loved us. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). He promises to save all who will put their faith and trust in Him. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9,10). Will you ask Him to save you today? "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13). Make this day the most important day of your life by trusting Jesus Christ as your personal God and Saviour. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/~cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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## OBITUARIES

### June E. Durga

June E. Durga, 82, of Eckerman, formerly of Grayling, died on February 23, 2004, in Avon Park, Florida.

June was married to Joseph E. Durga from Traverse City in 1938. They were married for 66 years. They lived in Grayling for 25 years and retired to the Upper Peninsula.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph, and six children: Douglas Durga of Burton; Kay Williams of Crosby, TX; Edward Durga of Grayling; Linda Ackerman of Avon Park, FL; Daniel Durga of Flint; and Roger Durga of Bowling Green, IN. She is also survived by 77 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

June was preceded in death by her daughters, Carol Durga and Edna Stiehl, and son Elgin Durga.

### Diane Marie Springer

Sept. 24, 1941 - Feb. 29, 2004

Diane Marie Springer, age 62, of Roscommon, died at home February 29, 2004.

Diane was born September 24, 1941 to Ernest Harvey and Florence (Patterson) Manie in Muskegon. She married Arthur Budnik Jr. on February 24, 1961. He preceded her in death on December 15, 1983. Mrs. Budnik married Erich Springer July 11, 1986.

Mrs. Springer was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling.

Diane is survived by her husband Erich; three daughters, Cynthia (Norm) Fultz of South Lyon, Denise (Tony) Lakvold of Traverse City, and Sheryl (Allan) Herndon of Howell; stepdaughter, Erica Springer of Livonia; two sons, Steven (Yvonne) Budnik of Anaheim, California and Christopher (Araceli) Budnik of South Lyon; two brothers, Ernest (Bernice) Manie of Muskegon and James (Kay) Manie of Orchard Lake; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. March 5 at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Reverend Steven Thiel officiating. Burial will be in the South Lyon Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church and/or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Card of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to the community for your support during our loss.

The Family of Pat Modos II



### Paul Elekonich

Aug. 18, 1926 - Feb. 29, 2004

Paul Elekonich, age 77, of Grayling, died at home February 29, 2004.

Paul was born August 18, 1926, to Andrew J. and Pearl (Koschalk) Elekonich in Arnold City, Pennsylvania. He married the former Kathleen L. Woerner on November 30, 1946 in Toledo, Ohio at St. Agnes Catholic Church.

Mr. Elekonich, who resided in Grayling since 1968, retired from Jeep Corporation in 1977 where he was a design engineer electrician.

Paul was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus in Gaylord. He was also a 3rd degree Knight with the Grayling Knights of Columbus Council #1982 where he served as past Grand Knight.

He also belonged to the Grayling County Club, the Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465, the Grayling American Legion Post #106. He also served as Grayling Township's electrical inspector.

Mr. Elekonich was an avid trout fisherman and hunter. He also loved golf and woodworking. He became a member of the "300 bowling club" on April 1, 1968.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen; two daughters, Joan A. Suchomma of Ohio and Janet M. (Keith) Hoffman of Pennsylvania; two sons, Joseph P. (Patricia) Elekonich of Saline and Jerry L. (Denise) Elekonich of Grayling; eight grandchildren, Michael D and Kristie L. Suchomma, Lisa M. and Sara N. Hoffman, Todd A. (Melissa) and Marc W. (Amy) Elekonich, Dawn M. Clark, and Jennifer L. (Marley) Allen; and eight great-grandchildren, Benjamin M. and Allison K. Suchomma, Kaleb A. and Bailey A. Elekonich, Tristen, Jordan, Alexandria N. Clark, Alyssia, and Bryce Carter Allen.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. March 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Reverend Robert Nalley officiating.

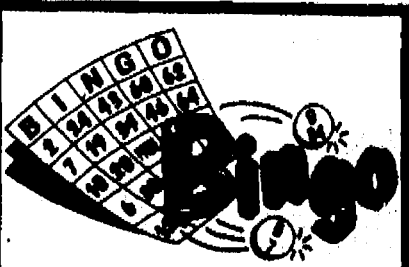
Memorial donations can be made to Mercy Amicare Hospice of Grayling and/or the Crawford County Commission on Aging.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following types of complaints during the period of February 22-29:

Three larceny, one traffic accident, three traffic warnings, four misdemeanor arrests, one civil infraction citation, three private property accidents, three alarms, six assist other departments, two disturbing the peace, seven check law violations, one breaking and entering, one domestic, one harassment, 12 city ordinance violations, one suspicious situation, and 13 unclassified.



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## OBITUARIES

### Tom Fishell

March 10, 1960 - Feb. 24, 2004

Tom Fishell, age 43, of Roscommon, died suddenly on February 24, 2004, at Mercy Hospital.

Tom was born on March 10, 1960 to Melvin Eugene and Ann Elizabeth (Keeler) Fishell in Grayling. He married Sharon A. White on December 9, 1978 in Ypsilanti.

Mr. Fishell was the Manager of Bambi Lake Conference and Retreat Center for the last four years and Pastor at Roscommon Baptist Church 1995 through 2000, and 1980 through 1983. He was a Roscommon resident except for years 1984 through 1995 when he lived in Dallas, TX. He also was the Vice President of the National Treasury Employees Union from 1980 through 1995. He was a member of the Roscommon County Ministerial Association, the Christian Camping Association, the Southern Baptist Camping Association, and the Village of Roscommon Planning Committee.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sharon; son, Aaron Thomas Fishell of Kalamazoo; daughter, Angela Joy Fishell of Roscommon and her fiancé Daniel Kucharczyk; parents, Mel and Ann Fishell of Grayling. He is also survived by two brothers, James Fishell of Garland, TX and Donald (Cindy) Fishell of Sunnydale, AR; sister, Victoria (John) Kusneris of Grayling; and numerous nieces and nephews and many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathryn Miller.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 27, 2004, at the Bambi Lake Conference Center with Reverend Mike Heacock and Reverend Terry Colby officiating. Burial will be at the Rock Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the Build a Better Bambi Fund, P.O. Box 487, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

### Lawrence S. Schoen

Mar. 21, 1928 - Feb. 24, 2004

Lawrence "Larry" S. Schoen, 75, of Grayling, formerly of Mount Clemens, died at Mercy Manor in Grayling on February 24, 2004.

Larry was born March 21, 1928 in Detroit to Samuel and Catherine (Schummer) Schaen.

Mr. Schoen owned his own plumbing and heating business, and was retired from Plumbers Local Union 98. He was a member of American Legion Post # 106, Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465 and Knights of Columbus Council #1982. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Cymbria "Sam" Schoen of Grayling; children, John E. Schoen of Rochester; Charles L. (Julie) Schoen of Grayling; Francis "Frank" A. Schoen of Grayling; Patricia A. Holland of Franklin, TN; Susan K. Schoen-Ferriss of Clinton Township; and Laurie C. Schaum of Marshall; step-children John (Mary) Shutt of Lansing, Joanie Van Zante, Nancy (Daniel) VanLander and William D. Shearer, Jr.; grandsons Jason Schoen, Justin

Schoen, David Schaum, Mitchell Ferriss, Joshua Schoen, Andrew Shutt, Peter Shutt, and William D. Shearer III; granddaughters Arianne Holland, Natalie Holland, Allison Schoen, Melissa Ferriss, Katherine Schaum, Christine Schaum, Jennifer Wilson, Nicole Wolfe, and Amanda Parker; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Dolores Ann (Miller) Schoen, who he married on October 16, 1948; parents Samuel and Catherine (Schummer) Schaen; sister Amelia McCarthy; son Thomas J. Schoen; and step-mother Margaret Biene.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. February 28 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Reverend Robert Nalley officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and Eagles Aerie #3465.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

### Maxine V. Widdis

Sept. 15, 1927 - Feb. 25, 2004

Maxine V. Widdis, age 76, of Houghton Lake, died Wednesday, February 25, 2004.

She was born September 15, 1927 in Grand Blanc, to Robert and Mary Jane (Short) Curns.

Maxine married Donald E. Widdis on October 14, 1944 in Clare County.

She spent most of her life in the Houghton Lake area and attended the Old Stone School. Maxine was the owner and operator of Maxine's Antiques.

Maxine was a member of the Houghton Lake Church of Christ.

Maxine is survived by husband, Donald E. Widdis of Houghton Lake; son, Jerry (Janet) Widdis of Prudenville;

daughters, Sandra Lee (Robert) Stampfly of DeWitt, Judy Lynn (Tom) Fuller of Prudenville; sister, Evelyn (Lorain) Bahs of Prudenville; brother Eugene Curns of Houghton Lake; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 28, 2004 at Christler Funeral Home in Houghton Lake Chapel. Robert Stampfly officiated at the service. Burial was at Roscommon Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Shriner's Crippled Children Hospitals.

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Brandy M. Ritter, of Grayling, has been named to the Bowling Green State University's Dean's List for Fall Semester 2003.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled for no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours of classes.

### Card of Thanks

I would like to take the time to say a belated, but heartfelt thank you to the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and those individuals who nominated and voted for me to be the recipient of the 2003 Citizen of the year award. I would also like to thank everyone who sent cards or left messages. This award is an honor I will cherish forever.

Thanks again,  
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## National Guard asks to allow firing of MLRS

### ► Copy of Draft Environmental Agreement open for public review

The Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Michigan Army National Guard) has announced the availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Land Use Agreement at Camp Grayling Maneuver Training Center (MTC), Michigan.

The Proposed Action is to "Extend the Current Management Agreement to 2014 with One Modification."

This Land Use Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) would allow military units to maintain a high level of training and state readiness to support national defense and state missions such as natural disaster, civil unrest, and other emergencies. The Land Use Agreement would also maximize training opportunities and promote efficient scheduling of ranges for military units that use Camp

Grayling.

This Draft EA analyzes the Proposed Action, one Alternative, and the No-Action Alternative. The original 20-year land use agreement allows for limited military training on nearly 47,000 acres of state owned lands. Under this proposal, the current Land Use Agreement would be extended to the year 2014. The Proposed Action would also contain a modification to the agreement to allow firing of the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) on state lands located southwest of the City of Grayling in Kalkaska and Crawford Counties.

In addition to the Proposed Action, the Draft EA evaluates two alternatives: Extend the Current Management Agreement to 2014 with No Modification and the No-Action Alternative which would eliminate nearly 47,000 acres of lands currently available for training.

An analysis of the environmental impacts of these proposed actions is presented in a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which is available for public review and comment.

Copies of the Draft EA will be

mailed to individuals who have participated in the EA process, as well as federal, state, and local agencies; interested organizations and agencies; and public libraries.

Copies may be reviewed, beginning March 4, at the Camp Grayling Environmental Office, Building 30, Camp Grayling, MI 49739, during normal business hours.

The Draft EA will also be available for review at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; Friday from 10 a.m. 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This assessment will be available for review for 30 days, from March 4 to April 2. Written public comment concerning this proposal is invited.

Comments should be sent no later than April 2 and addressed to Michigan Army National Guard, Attention: Public Affairs Officer, 2500 South Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48913.

Questions may be directed to CPT Dawn Dancer, Public Affairs Officer, Headquarters, Michigan Army National Guard, at (517) 483-5600.

## Report bad potholes by phone or e-mail

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has one more way for motorists to tell the agency how it can help.

A toll-free phone number and easy e-mail reporting are now available so that Michigan citizens can identify the location of potholes and MDOT can transmit this information to the nearest Transportation Service Center (TSC).

"The hotline is a convenient and effective way for citizens to help MDOT identify potholes that need to be repaired. The toll-free phone number and e-mail reporting is convenient and effective, which means a quick fix and smoother, more dependable ride for everyone who uses Michigan's transportation system," said Gloria J. Jeff, State Transportation Director.

The Director's Pothole Hotline is available around-the-clock, seven days a week at 1-888-296-4546, or by logging onto the MDOT web site at [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) and clicking on the "Report Potholes" link. Callers and those reporting pothole locations by e-mail are asked to provide the route name, the county, the nearest community, and the closest cross street or interchange.

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## Manor residents celebrate Valentine's Day with little ones



Photo courtesy of NEMCSA Grayling Home Base Head Start

In February, students enrolled in the NEMCSA's Grayling Home Base Head Start program visited the residents of Mercy Manor extended care facility at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. The children were treated to cookies and punch, while residents were treated to an art project done by the children and their parents. The keepsakes were left behind for the residents as a remembrance of their Valentine's Day celebration.

## Service agency for disabled, aged earns accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) announced recently Northern Management Services (NMS) has been accredited for a period of three years for its program Community Services - Providing Community Living Services.

The latest accreditation is the second consecutive Three-Year Accreditation outcome the international accrediting commission has awarded to NMS.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF.

An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

NMS is a not-for-profit organization with its administrative office at 655 Chestnut Court in Gaylord. It has been providing Community Living Services since 1991. NMS provides these services in Cheboygan, Grayling and Gaylord. Its mission is "to provide self-determined, comprehensive services for individuals who are disabled and aged to live in the least restrictive, normalized setting with their community."

President Bruce Fasel said without the dedication of the NMS staff, who focus their efforts on each individual they assist in achieving the clients' goals and outcomes, the improvements in their lives and this latest accreditation would not be possible.

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process

that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966, CARF establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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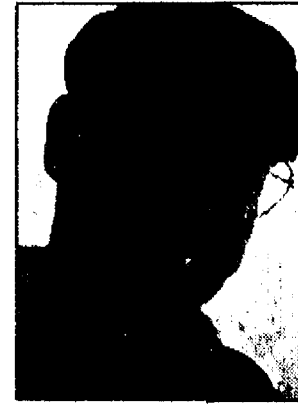
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By Ernie Harwell



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fitness is hurting the quality of life of a growing number of everyday Americans.

Let's start making fitness a priority. I don't mean that everyone should start heavy exercise routines. Fitness begins with doing the little things. Instead of sitting in a movie, go to the zoo or one of our parks, where you'll be sure to get some exercise. Next time you think about eating out, plan a night at home with a light, balanced meal. And as much as the kids love their computers, video games and TV, get them to turn it off and get outside in the fresh air - and go play with them.

We can improve the quality of our lives by doing the little things we enjoy and getting our hearts pumping at the same time.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available in bookstores beginning April 2004.

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Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2004  
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\*\*Special Event Trips Require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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## Head Start students learn pizza making



Photo courtesy of NEMCSA Grayling Home Base Head Start

Grayling Home Base Head Start student Sara Piehl really concentrates on peeling apart her pepperoni slices before placing them on a pizza. She and other classmates visited BC Pizza in Grayling in January where they were able to try their hands at making their own pizzas, then enjoying the results. BC Pizza continues to provide interesting field trips and a wall designated just for the display of the children's artwork. Other classmates on this trip were Kylie Paul, Brian Beckwith, Kassie Sperry, Joel Britten, Jesse Book, Jakob Hubbard, and Wesley Black.

## School board members send message to Congress

Three members of the COOR Intermediate School District's (ISD) Board of Education, along with its superintendent, recently delivered a strong education advocacy message to set the stage for the Second Session of the 108th Congress.

Board members Lois Byrd,

Bernadine Dosch and Larry Roggow, and COOR ISD Superintendent Robert Jones named four priority issues having a major impact on public schools and student achievement. The issues were discussed and delivered to Congress during the National School Board Association (NSBA) 31st Annual Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, D.C., February 1-3.

More than 800 local school board officials who are members of the NSBA's Federal Relations Network (FRN), a national grass roots advocacy network, went to Congress with the following messages:

1. Increasing the federal investment in public education to meet the federally imposed mandates and subsequent cost increases.

2. Reauthorizing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) addressing the operational challenges associated with program implementation.

3. Addressing the unintended consequences resulting from the passage of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, particularly those provisions related to adequate yearly progress (AYP) and the operation/costs of several specific mandates.

4. Reauthorizing the Richard Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

The FRN conference is the only national meeting that offers school board members the inside track on public education advocacy. The conference provided attendees with strategies and information to develop and nurture a valuable relationship with their members of Congress.

"Local school board members are education leaders on the front line and have a firsthand understanding of what our public school children need to succeed," said Anne L. Bryant, NSBA Executive Director. "By participating in this conference, FRN members ensure that the collective voices of school board leaders are heard in Washington, D.C."

The NSBA is a national federation of state school boards associations that represent more than 95,000 school board members who govern the nation's public schools. Its mission is to foster excellence and equity in public elementary and secondary education throughout the United States through local school board leadership.

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The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has implemented weight restrictions to help ensure pavement life during the current thaw.

Effective the morning of March 1, weight restrictions have been imposed and will be enforced on state trunklines from lines south of and including M-20 in Oceana County, east to Bay City, including the thumb area.

There are no restrictions for legal loads on those trunklines designated as "all-season trunklines," which are the majority of state highways. Extended permits will be valid for oversized loads on the restricted routes. Permits will not be issued for any loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 1-800-787-8960, or access MDOT's web site at: [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) under "Getting Around," "Favorite Links" and then click on "Truckers Service Center."

For those companies located in Canada or New Jersey, information can be obtained by calling (517) 373-6256.

## Celtic concert features fiddle champ

The Grayling Promotional Association's Community Cultural Events Program will present a Celtic Dessert Concert on Sunday afternoon, March 14, at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

The concert is sure to bring out the Celtic spirit in everyone when Irish and Scottish fiddle phenomenon Jeremy Kittel and guitarist John Behling perform a variety of music from traditional Celtic fare to a bit of jazz.

Kittel is the 2000 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion and has been honored with many other awards during his young career and education in music. Kittel music is available on CD at [www.jeremykittel.com](http://www.jeremykittel.com).

Behling has performed throughout the midwest since 1986. He has years of experience in jazz, folk and popular music that has created his unique and progressive style of guitar accompaniment. He leads his own jazz trio which released its own CD, "Maybe I'll Fall," in 1999.

Joining this duo for the dessert concert will be the Grand Traverse Highlanders, the Highlander Pipes, with soprano Emily Kuschell, the dance duo Celtic Frenzy, and more.

The culture of the Celts is rooted in areas of Ireland, Wales,



Irish and Scottish fiddler Jeremy Kittel

England and Scotland. This concert will be a chance to hear and see a wide variety of styles of this rich culture.

Doors open March 14 at 2 p.m. and the concert begins at 3 p.m. Included in the ticket price of \$14 per person non-alcoholic beverages and a dessert assortment.

Advance tickets are available at Flowers by Josie on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Visa and MasterCard credit cards are

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For more information about this event and others in the GPA Cultural Events Series, or to be placed on the mailing list for news of upcoming events, call (989) 348-7146.

GPA Community Cultural Events are made possible through a partnership with area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during March 3 - 9 is as follows:

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## Fun, fitness and nutrition combined at GMS

A free after school program at Grayling Middle School (GMS) promises to make learning about nutrition and fitness not only educational but fun as well. The program "Jump into Food and Fitness" is available for all sixth to eighth graders from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for four Wednesdays beginning March 10 in the Middle School cafeteria.

The curriculum, newly developed by MSU Extension Service for 4-H and the Family Nutrition Program, provides experiential learning with varied topics and hands-on activities. Participants will learn healthy nutrition, food safety and will be able to actively participate in several physical fitness learning activities each week.

The after school program is just one component of a collaborative grant involving the middle school, MSU Extension and District Health Department #10. Funds for the program are provided through the Michigan Nutrition Network with Federal

enhancement dollars.

Earlier this year an enthusiastic group of teachers, students, administration staff and community members joined together to form the GMS Comprehensive School Health Team. The Team has so far completed the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) School Health Index, an assessment tool which allows the school to grade itself against certain national benchmarks for health and nutrition. The Team found out that although they were doing well in some areas, there certainly were areas where they could improve. The Team will be continuing to meet to decide about easy, low-cost or

no cost changes which will help students and staff make healthy choices.

The grant allows the school to focus its attention on an important issue for students and their families: poor nutrition and sedentary habits leading to obesity and being overweight. In Michigan, 25 percent of children and youth are overweight compared with 14 percent of children and youth in the US according to the CDC. The CDC also rates 11 percent of Michigan children as obese.

As the Team learned during its first meetings, one of the major benefits for improving student nutrition and physical activity is

the enhanced ability to learn. Students who are healthy just learn better and do better on assessment tests. Other benefits are less illness, improved self-esteem and improved school behaviors such as longer attention spans, improved ability to listen and mental alertness.

Students in grades six through eight may register for the "Jump into Food and Fitness" after-school program by signing up at the Middle School Office. Transportation can be arranged, where needed. Parental consent for the program is required. For more information about the program contact Shari Dickson, MSU Extension 989-275-5043.

## P.I.T. STOP

Grayling Middle School News

### Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

Parents, are you ready for spring and all the activities it brings? We hope so.

Let's start with this Thursday, March 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. when there will be student-led conferences at the Grayling Middle School (GMS). This is a great opportunity to visit the school and let your child show you around. Don't forget, there is also a half day of school that day, with early dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

On Saturday, March 6, the GMS 7th and 8th grade bands will perform at the District Band Festival at Elk Rapids High School. The 7th grade band will perform at 1 p.m. and the 8th

grade band will perform at 2:15 p.m. If you have a child in band, so not miss this performance.

A P.I.T. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11 at 8:30 a.m. at GMS. This spring's Funfest is in the planning stage and your ideas and help are really needed. Those who are unable to attend the meeting and have ideas for Funfest, are asked to call Shirley at 348-1348. Those who would just like to help, donations for snacks and prizes are being accepted and volunteers are needed for the dunk tank.

There is no school on Friday, March 12. Plan a family activity to celebrate spring.

Remember, March is "Reading Month" so try to find ways to encourage your child to

read.

GMS is participating in a fundraiser through Tanger Outlet Mall in West Branch. Shop, Tanger between February 1 and March 31, and Tanger will contribute the value of 10 percent of your total receipts to GMS. Save your Tanger receipts and turn them in to Joni Metiva, GMS counselor or the Tanger office, with your name, address and phone number written on the back.

GMS is selling yearbooks every morning on the mezzanine for \$15 each.

There is a Youth Basketball Clinic being offered for boys and girls in 1st through 8th grades at Central Michigan University on March 27. Cost is \$15. Information sheets about the clinic are available in the school office.

March 24 is Spring Picture Day. Parents do not need to send in money with their child that day. A price list will be included, in photo packages upon their delivery. You will only pay for the items you decide to keep.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Thursday, March 4 - BBQ Beef on a Bun/Sweet and Sour Pork; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Craft Class 11 - noon; B.P.'s taken.

Friday, March 5 - Porcupine Meatballs/no dinner; Stagette Club; Pantry Bingo 1 p.m.

Sunday, January 18 - Sunday Brunch.

Monday, March 8 - Lasagna/ Wiener Schnitzel; C.O.A. Board Meeting 9:30 a.m.; Aerobics 10 a.m.; Stag Club 1 p.m.; Bridge Club 1 p.m.; Hangman 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9 - Hot Beef Sandwich/Chicken Kiev; Casino Trip 8:30 a.m.; Income Tax Services 10 - 3; Bible Study 10 a.m.; Euchre 1 p.m.; Housing Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10 - Swiss Steak/Hawaiian Ham; Commodities 9:30 - 1:30; Exercise & Line Dance 10:00 a.m.; Stag Club 12 noon; Birthday Dinner 5 p.m.; Auction 5:30 p.m.

All Crawford County senior citizens and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the Senior Center in Grayling.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 77 complaints the week of February 23-29:

Sixteen traffic accidents, seven non-traffic accidents, one accident - all other, four civil matter disputes - family trouble, six suspicious situations, one lost and found property, 14 general non-criminal, one delinquent minor, one snowmobile incident, two assault/intimidation/ stalking, one burglary/home invasion, three larceny, one motor vehicle theft, one fraudulent activities, one damage to property, one obstructing police, six public peace/disorderly, two operating under influence of alcohol, one health and safety, one conservation, two miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, three driving violations/DWLS etc.

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## Lady sledders raise funds for cancer patient



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Friends for Miracles, a group of over 30 (mostly local) women, made a two-day 150-mile round-trip snowmobile ride to Boyne Falls, February 1-2, and raised over \$4,945 for the Dustin Pizzi Benefit Fund. Pizzi, a Grayling High School student, is currently being treated for cancer and funds raised will help pay his medical and travel expenses. The group made stops at The Keg in Waters, Green Lantern in Alba, Larry's in Boyne Falls, and The Hide-Away in Starvation Lake. Each of these businesses also donated shirts, hats and/or gift certificates for the event. The women left Grayling at 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning and returned at 6 p.m. Monday evening, and spent the night at the Brown Trout Motel in Boyne Falls. Participants were, from left: (front) Tanya Wolcott, Jodi Potter, Jamie Potter, Shannon Terry, Terry McGregor, Robin Norton, Heidi Larm, Kim Curtis, Kathy Gardner, Valarie Walker, Jill Grant, Dana Bali; (second) Natalie Czuba, Julie Fagan, Diane Davis, Debbie Lobsinger, Pam Terry, Crystal Filley, Michelle Schwartz, Dianna Tipsworth, Terri Diettrick, Jennifer Balmes; (back) Lee Adams, Kelly Metzger, Kim Schmidt, Patty D'Amour, Sharon Hartman, Vivian Balmes, Laurie Krey; not pictured: Kathy Laudenslager, Lisa Bergeron.

## Republicans host annual Lincoln Day Dinner

The Crawford County Republican Party, led by Chairman Jim Minthorn, hosted its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 17 at Skyline Ski and Country Club in Beaver Creek Township.

More than 60 local and visiting party members attended the buffet dinner of prime rib and broiled walleye and had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers 36th District State Sen. Tony Stamas, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman, and Michigan's Republican National Committee Woman Sharon Wise.

Local Republican elected officials also had the opportunity to introduce themselves and say a few words.



Photos courtesy of the Crawford County Republican Party

State Sen. Tony Stamas (R-36th District) was one of the speakers at the Lincoln Day Dinner, February 17. Seated are John Haggard, Bernard Lasich, Linda Munsey and Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandy Moore.



Jeff and Ann Kea, of Frederic Township, share conversation with Crawford County Republican Party Membership Secretary Art Thayer and Chairman Jim Minthorn.

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## Grayling woman lands leading role in 'Harvey'

The cast of the spring production of "Harvey" has been announced by the Kirtland Community College Theatre Arts Department.

Elwood P. Dowd - Jerry Werle of Roscommon; Veta Louise Simmons - Deborah Glicker of Grayling; Myrtle Mae Simmons - Bethany Rickwald, a KCC student from Prudenville; Miss Johnson - Supurina Jackson, a KCC student from West Branch; Nurse Ruth Kelly - Angela Martz of Kalkaska; Betty Chumley - Carole Rae Phillips, KCC faculty member; Ethel Chauvenet - Marianne Clouse, a KCC student; Dr. William Chumley - Jim Dawe of Mio; Dr. Lyman Sanderson - Nathan Neorr of Houghton Lake; Duane Wilson - Jesse Reuther, a KCC student from St. Helen; Judge Omar Gaffney - William Campbell of Prudenville; and E.J. Lofgren - Dean Gibbs, a KCC student from West Branch.

The comedy by Mary Chase will be produced by special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc. Performance dates will be Friday and Saturday, April 2-3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

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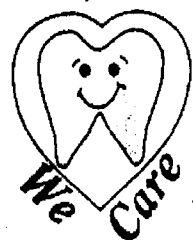


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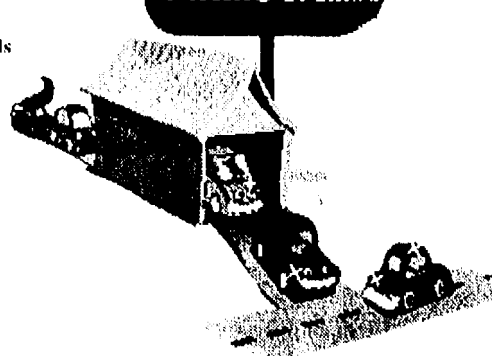
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High Game: C. Jensen, K. Moshier, 180; M. Starks, 177; V. Balmes, 172.

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High Series: T. Hellebuyck, 544; J. Coors, 520; M. Cole, 503.  
High Game: J. Coors, 206; T. Hellebuyck, 203; B. Nielson, 188.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Calkins Excavating ..... 26 - 18

Charles Country Corner 23 - 21  
Moshier Auto Repair ..... 22 - 22  
American Legion ..... 21 - 23  
Double Trouble ..... 21 - 23  
4 F.I. .... 19 - 25  
High Series, Men: D. Wallace, 539; R. Moshier, 520; M. Campbell, 509. High Game, Men: D. Wallace, 210; J. Campbell, 191; R. Moshier, 190.  
High Series, Women: D. Medina, 486; S. France, 484; L. Hanson, 469. High Game, Women: C. Brannan, 179; W. Johnston, 178; B. Nielson, 176.

### Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Little Tyke Daycare ..... 59 - 18  
Weyerhaeuser ..... 41 - 36  
Fritch Electric ..... 37 - 40  
River Valley Grille ..... 36 - 41  
Denno ..... 36 - 41  
Dairy Queen ..... 35 - 42  
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High Series, Men: J. Hunt, 599; B. Stark, 554; D. Kirchoff, S. Miller, 537. High Game, Men: J. Hunt, 258; B. Starks, 226; D. Kirchoff, 224. High Series, Women: T. Baker, 492; S.

France, 473; M. Cole, 437. High Game, Women: T. Baker, 192; M. Cole, 168; S. France, 166.

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Sawmill ..... 40 - 19  
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Hart Pontiac-GMC ..... 31 - 25  
AuSable Construction ..... 26 - 30  
Legion Lanes ..... 24 - 32  
Denholm Chiropractic ..... 24 - 32  
Corky's Karaoke ..... 23 - 33  
Faustman's Insurance ..... 23 - 33  
High Series: A. Angove, 637; C. Brill, 591; P. Faustman, 574.  
High Game: A. Angove, 245; M. Barr, 232; C. Brill, 211.

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K-D's ..... 10 - 11  
Eagles Club ..... 9 - 12  
Fenton's Auto Service ..... 9 - 12  
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GADCO ..... 4 - 17  
High Series: Lance. Davis, 622; Larry Davis Jr., 614; D. Canfield, 598. High Game: D. Canfield, 226; T. Devins, 225; L. Davis, Jr., 216.

### Northwood League

Three Chicks ..... 33 - 19  
Hals Masonry ..... 29 - 23  
Bud Lite Chicks ..... 24 - 28  
Choppers Spares ..... 21 - 31  
Great Lakes Mortgage ..... 13 - 39  
High Series: D. Roman, 522; T. Benardo, 455; D. Harris, 454.  
High Game: B. Lukima, 178; D. Roman, 177; M. Cole, 171.

### Senior Bowling

Spike's Keg O'Nails ..... 65 - 35  
Flowers By Josie ..... 57 - 43  
Kicking Grass ..... 56.5 - 43.5  
Gray Rock ..... 56 - 44  
Grayling Pharmacy ..... 48 - 52  
Sylvesters Sports ..... 43.5 - 56.5  
Lone Pine Restaurant ..... 38 - 62  
Bear's Den Pizza ..... 36 - 64  
Mens High Series: D. Germain, 516; O. Brantley, 511; D. Kirchoff, 504. Mens High Game: D. Kirchoff, 197; D. Germain, 196; R. Rysso, 189.  
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## KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

### Men's Team

LANSING -- Martin Samarco hit a three-point shot to force overtime and backcourt mate Juandrell Lewis took charge in the extra period to lead Kirtland to its first-ever post-season victory, an 82-79 win Monday night at Lansing.

The teams were playing in the opening round of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship tournament. The Firebirds advance to the second round Wednesday at C.S. Mott in Flint.

Samarco finished with 26 points to lead all scorers. He

drove the length of the court with the clock winding down and pulled up to hit the long jumper to tie it, 74-74, at the end of regulation. Lewis had 15, including five of his team's eight points in overtime.

Terrance Coker had 11 and Victor Hamilton added 10 for Kirtland, 17-11 overall.

Maurice Benson scored 18 and James Petty netted 17 for Lansing, 17-8 overall.

ST. CLAIR -- Martin Samarco scored 33 points to lead five Kirtland players in double figures in a 97-93 win Saturday at St. Clair.

The victory was the Firebirds' fourth straight to close the regular season, giving them sole possession of fifth place in the

Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. They're 16-11 overall and 7-9 in league play.

Victor Hamilton scored 16 points, Frank Washington had 15, Juandrell Lewis had 13 and Terrance Coker had 12 for Kirtland.

Michael Frantz had 22 and Jason Underwood added 19 for St. Clair, 15-12 overall and 9-7 in the conference.

Kirtland advances to the state championship tournament next week, opening against either Glen Oaks or Lansing.

### Women's Team

ST. CLAIR -- Kirtland's Lady Firebirds finished their regular season with a 110-69 loss Saturday at St. Clair, led by

Taleasha Hardy's 38 points.

Brianna Glasscox paced Kirtland with 15 points, while Laura Diekman and Janel Kenyon added 13 each. The Lady Firebirds dropped to 6-23 overall and 2-15 and tied for last with Henry Ford in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

St. Clair, which got 15 points from Jessica Volz, closes its regular season at 19-9 overall and 13-4 in the conference.

Kirtland failed to qualify for the state tournament, but all teams advance to the Region XII tournament March 3-6 at Owens Community College in Toledo.

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## March Madness 2004

Vikings to host Bucks in round 1 of Districts

Grayling draws familiar foe for the beginning of 2004 play-offs

The Vikings of Grayling High School will open their 2004 post-season with a round one District tournament contest against the Bucks of Roscommon next week. The game will be played at Grayling High School on Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m.

GHS will be hosting all of the games for the Class B District #63 tournament. The first match of the tourney - Harrison vs. Sault Ste. Marie - will be played at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 8. The winner will face Cheboygan, which drew a first round "bye," in the District semi-finals on Thursday, March 11, at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, Grayling will play Roscommon at 6 p.m. At 8 p.m., the Blazers of Kalkaska will take on the Bobcats of Houghton Lake. The two winners will square off in the semi-finals on Thursday at 8 p.m.

The District championship game will be held on Friday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

Grayling has played Roscommon twice this year during the regular season. On December 9, in the team's season opener, Grayling defeated the Bucks 91-67 at GHS. In the rematch on January 27, the Vikings beat the Bucks 71-43 at Roscommon.

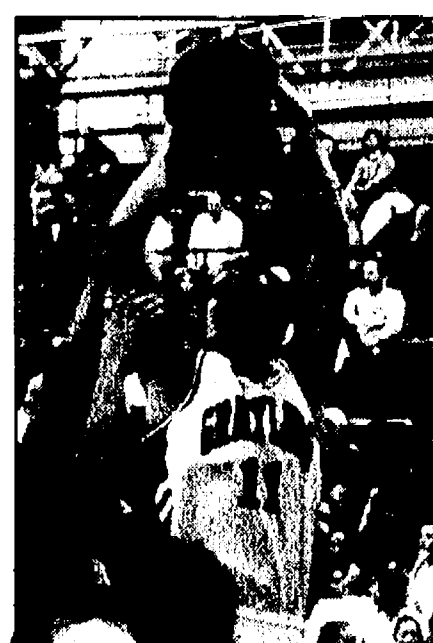
Grayling has also had success against Kalkaska and Houghton Lake, the two teams that will battle it out for the opportunity

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### GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



Gibson Tobin  
5'8" Junior  
Guard



Travis Helsel  
6'2" Senior  
Forward



Roy Czapek  
6'3" Senior  
Forward



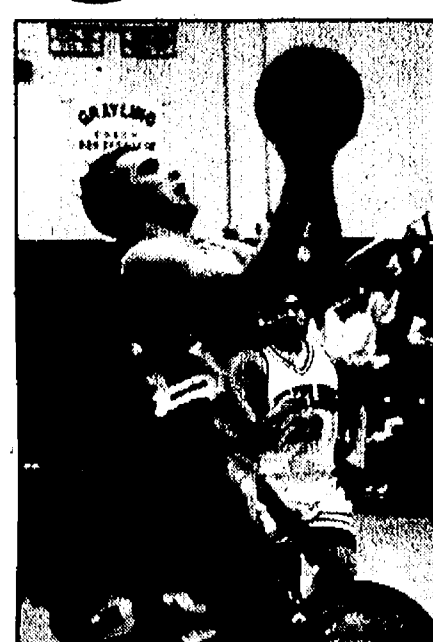
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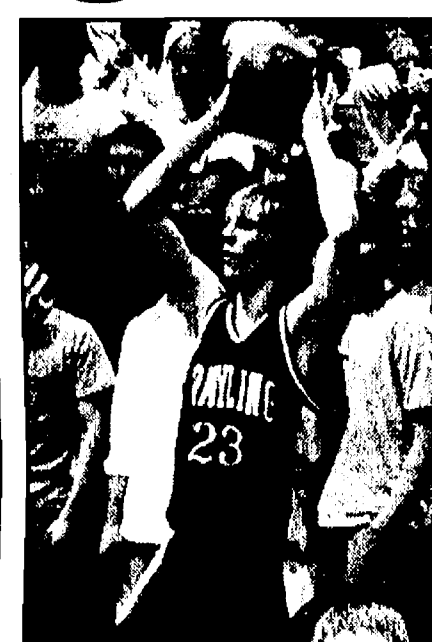
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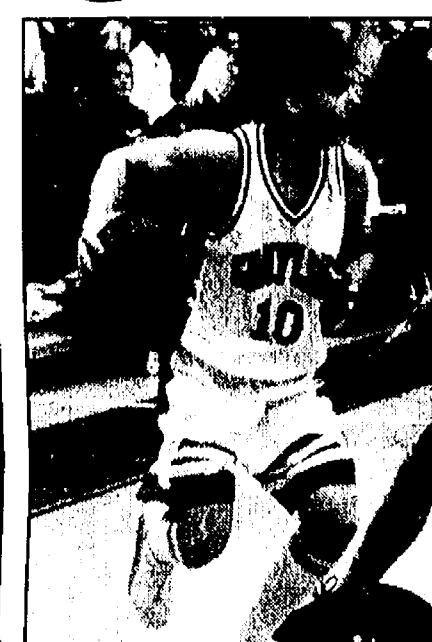
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Ryan Schmidt  
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Guard



Bobby Starks  
6'1" Sophomore  
Forward



Matt Swope  
5'11" Junior  
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## Gibson Tobin

5'8" Junior Guard #33



Gibson, a junior, is the team's starting point guard. He is a good ball handler with excellent quickness. A good passer and shooter who can also drive to the basket. One of Grayling's best perimeter shooters.



Gibson Tobin



## Joe Lange

6'3" Senior Center #44



Joe, a senior, is one of Grayling's most versatile players. He is a good shooter. He is also one of the team's best rebounders and a solid scoring option inside the paint. A solid low-post presence.



Joe Lange



## Josh Hinkle

6'3" Junior Guard #12



Josh, a junior, is a good playmaker with decent range. He can shoot from the outside or drive to the basket. Josh was moved up to varsity for Districts last year as a sophomore.



Josh Hinkle



## Roy Czapek

6'3" Senior Forward #22



Roy, a senior, is a hard-nosed player who provides Grayling with a consistent physical presence inside. He is also one of Grayling's best scoring options in the paint and has a solid jump shot. A solid rebounder.



Roy Czapek



## Travis Helsel

6'2" Senior Forward #11



Travis, a senior, is one of Grayling's most versatile players. He is one of the team's most consistent three-point threats, and he can play inside. An outstanding jumper.



Travis Helsel



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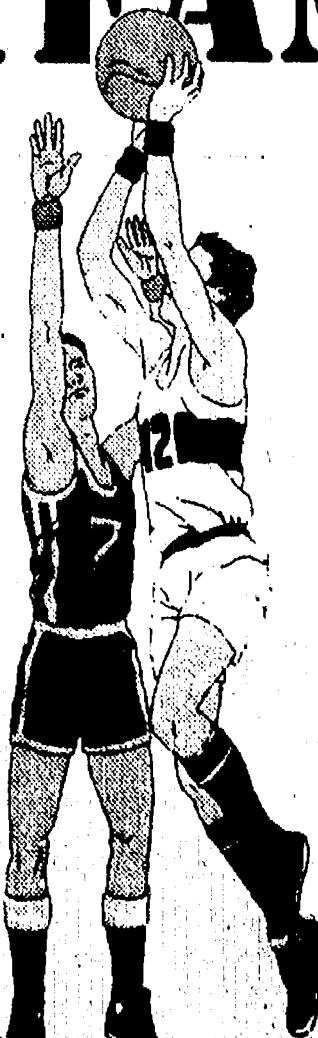
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## Andy Strohpaul

6'0" Senior Guard #20



Andy, a senior, is one of the team's top defenders. He is a good passer and has good range on his shot. A three-point threat.



Andy Strohpaul



## Chad Helsel

6'0" Senior Guard #23



Chad, a senior, is an aggressive defender and a good passer. He can score the three-point shot or drive the paint and dish off to an open teammate.



Chad Helsel



## Ryan Schmidt

5'10" Junior Guard #10



Ryan, a junior, split time between JV and varsity ball as a sophomore last year. He has outstanding quickness and good range on his jump shot. A solid defender.



Ryan Schmidt



## Greg Morrill

6'3" Senior Center #42



Greg, a senior, gives Grayling a strong presence combined with a very good three-point option. He is an aggressive defender with a lot of hustle who works hard at both ends of the court.



Greg Morrill



## Joe Zelek

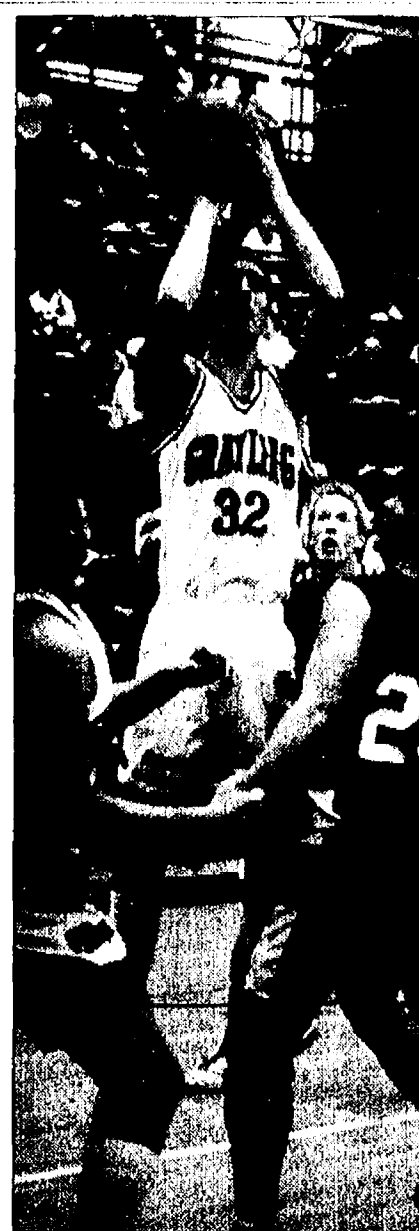
6'2" Senior Forward #32



Joe, a senior, is a hard-working forward who can hit the outside jumper or three-pointer. A good transition player. He is in his second year of varsity ball.



Joe Zelek



## Bobby Starks

6'1" Sophomore Forward #52



Bobby is the only sophomore on this year's team. He is an athletic player who can play inside or outside, and he has improved as the season has progressed.



Bobby Starks



## What is MARCH MADNESS?

The phrase "March Madness" refers to the furor surrounding high school and college basketball play-offs, which begin in March all across the country.

For area high school basketball teams (and their fans), March Madness starts with the District Tournaments, the first round of play-offs. Teams that win advance to the next game, and teams that are defeated are finished for the season.

Every year, The Crawford County Avalanche salutes March Madness with a special portion of the sports section devoted entirely to the varsity boys basketball team just prior to the start of Districts.

The Vikings will start post-season play with a first round District match against Roscommon on Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m. at Grayling High School. GOOD LUCK, VIKINGS!

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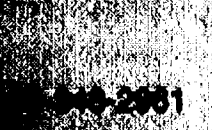
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## Matt Swope

5'11" Junior Center #55



Matt, a junior, provides depth at the forward position with a solid inside presence who can fight for rebounds and score underneath. He is in his first year of varsity ball.



Matt Swope



## Derek Johnston

6'2" Junior Guard #30

Derek, a junior, is a good passer and a solid defender. He is in his first year at Grayling High School after transferring from Alaska. A good free throw shooter.



Derek Johnston



## Russ Peters

6'0" Junior Forward #40



Russ, a junior, is a hard-working low-post player who provides Grayling with hustle and depth at the forward position. He is in his first season of varsity basketball.



Russ Peters



## Josh Millikin

6'0" Junior Center #50



Josh, a junior, is in his first year of varsity basketball. He is a physical player who can post up in traffic and finish. He provides depth at the center position. A solid defender in the low post.



Josh Millikin



# Vikings to host Bucks in round one of Districts

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to play the winner of the Grayling vs. Roscommon game. The Vikings have defeated Kalkaska twice - 64-46 at Grayling on January 9 and 80-66 at Kalkaska on February 10 - and are 1-1 against Houghton Lake this year, including a 90-69 win in Grayling and an 89-82 loss in overtime at HLHS.

The Vikings were 12-7 overall and 8-5 in the Lake Michigan Conference going into the team's regular season finale on Tuesday night (March 2). Grayling has posted a 7-2 home record and a 5-5 away record so far this season.

In their only two defeats at Grayling High School this year, the Vikings lost by a combined five points. GHS lost to Traverse City St. Francis by two points on a buzzer beater on January 16

### The Vikings:

- #10 Ryan Schmidt
- #11 Travis Helsel
- #12 Josh Hinkle
- #20 Andy Stroup
- #23 Roy Czapka
- #23 Chad Helsel
- #30 Derek Johnston
- #32 Joe Zelek
- #33 Tyson Tobin
- #40 Russ Peters
- #42 Greg Smith
- #43 Joe Lange
- #50 Josh Millikin
- #52 Bobby Starks
- #55 Matt Swope

and lost a shoot-out to Charlevoix 102-99 on January 23. In nine home games, the Vikings have scored an average of 78 points and given up an average of 65 points.

## Michigan High School Athletic Association Boys Basketball Class 'B' District #63

(Bye)

Cheboygan

Harrison

Monday, March 8  
7 p.m.

Sault Ste. Marie

Grayling

Tuesday, March 9  
6 p.m.

Roscommon

Kalkaska

Tuesday, March 9  
8 p.m.

Houghton Lake

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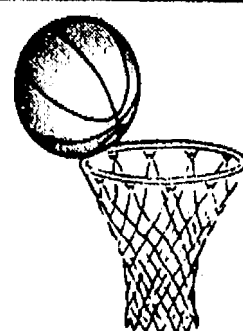
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# Race raises money for groomer

On Sunday, February 22, race at Hanson Hills Recreation Grayling Recreation Authority hosted a benefit cross country ski

Area to raise money for grooming equipment.

The benefit race raised over \$800 dollars for the purchase and repair of trail grooming equipment, according to GRA. Results of the cross country ski race are listed on this page.

## 2004 Race For The Groomer Results

| bib # | name                | age class | sex | time    | overall | bib # | name            | age class | sex | time    | overall |
|-------|---------------------|-----------|-----|---------|---------|-------|-----------------|-----------|-----|---------|---------|
| 212   | catarina guilledge  | 14-17     | f   | 0:57:00 | 18      | 211   | linda allen     | 51-55     | f   | 1:12:52 | 33      |
| 220   | ryan halstead       | 14-17     | m   | 0:54:49 | 12      | 222   | butch stockton  | 51-55     | m   | 0:47:15 | 2       |
| 223   | rodney halstead     | 14-17     | m   | 0:55:49 | 14      | 800   | robin luce      | 51-55     | m   | 0:48:41 | 6       |
| 224   | adam galvani        | 18-25     | m   | 0:47:51 | 3       | 791   | cris jones      | 51-55     | m   | 0:49:53 | 7       |
| 219   | m harwood           | 18-25     | m   | 0:48:30 | 5       | 218   | joe seiffert    | 51-55     | m   | 0:51:41 | 8       |
| 792   | dr jonny fever      | 18-25     | m   | 0:52:48 | 9       | 209   | les nessmen     | 51-55     | m   | 0:53:56 | 10      |
| 789   | herb larik          | 31-35     | m   | 0:59:26 | 21      | 210   | frank nizio     | 51-55     | m   | 0:56:24 | 16      |
| 788   | theo von wallmenich | 31-35     | m   | 1:02:05 | 24      | 201   | larry timm      | 51-55     | m   | 0:57:22 | 19      |
| 216   | jim harwood         | 36-40     | m   | 0:46:55 | 1       | 799   | dave mitchell   | 51-55     | m   | 1:08:11 | 31      |
| 787   | venus fly trap      | 36-40     | m   | 1:03:09 | 26      | 206   | charles lannen  | 51-55     | m   | 1:13:27 | 36      |
| 200   | kevin hilenan       | 36-40     | m   | 1:08:09 | 30      | 213   | rick kraan      | 51-55     | m   | 1:20:10 | 37      |
| 215   | linda atkins        | 41-45     | f   | 1:13:20 | 34      | 796   | eric scholz     | 56-60     | m   | 0:55:23 | 13      |
| 208   | jamie green         | 41-45     | m   | 0:48:18 | 4       | 797   | eric merwin     | 56-60     | m   | 0:55:51 | 15      |
| 207   | tom trudgeon        | 41-45     | m   | 0:56:51 | 17      | 204   | george gombit   | 56-60     | m   | 1:12:21 | 32      |
| 794   | nell keller         | 41-45     | m   | 1:01:01 | 22      | 205   | greg rankin     | 56-60     | m   | 1:21:09 | 38      |
| 221   | john love           | 41-45     | m   | 1:05:28 | 27      | 217   | bili haefner    | 61+       | m   | 0:54:21 | 11      |
| 790   | lynn witte          | 46-50     | f   | 1:01:50 | 23      | 786   | dennis wyckoff  | 61+       | m   | 1:07:23 | 28      |
| 214   | dave atkins         | 46-50     | m   | 0:57:47 | 20      | 203   | tom rushford    | 61+       | m   | 1:13:24 | 35      |
| 795   | mark kurz           | 46-50     | m   | 1:02:51 | 25      | 798   | john sturtevant | 61+       | m   | 1:28:06 | 39      |
| 793   | john kruger         | 46-50     | m   | 1:07:53 | 29      | 202   | bob welsch      | 61+       | m   | dnl     | 40      |

## 2004 Winter Wolf Triathlon Overall Results

| place | bib# | canoe      | snowshoe   | ski        | overall    | name               |
|-------|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| 01    | 538  | 0:46:59.45 | 0:27:53.02 | 0:51:20.94 | 1:38:20.39 | Andy Triebold      |
| 02    | 540  | 0:49:15.08 | 0:26:14.35 | 0:51:24.98 | 1:40:40.06 | Jim Harwood        |
| 03    | 567  | 0:47:43.11 | 0:28:51.21 | 0:54:29.77 | 1:42:12.88 | Bill Torongo       |
| 04    | 575  | 0:55:07.58 | 0:26:39.40 | 0:52:58.71 | 1:48:06.29 | Brian Royce        |
| 05    | 539  | 0:53:20.54 | 0:29:57.94 | 0:58:20.11 | 1:51:40.65 | Doug VanMeter      |
| 06    | 546  | 1:02:35.46 | 0:27:05.58 | 0:58:24.31 | 2:00:59.77 | Steve Seager       |
| 07    | 543  | 0:54:36.05 | 0:36:33.52 | 1:09:00.27 | 2:03:36.32 | Mike Hartman       |
| 08    | 545  | 1:05:41.27 | 0:30:00.79 | 0:58:14.34 | 2:03:55.61 | Randy Stueve       |
| 09    | 579  | 1:04:34.79 | 0:28:33.23 | 1:01:35.45 | 2:06:10.24 | Joe Webb           |
| 10    | 544  | 1:12:43.38 | 0:29:53.68 | 0:56:01.75 | 2:08:45.13 | Adam Galvani       |
| 11    | 568  | 1:09:13.84 | 0:29:34.03 | 1:02:24.11 | 2:11:37.95 | Ellen Thompson     |
| 12    | 574  | 1:12:26.21 | 0:30:21.86 | 0:59:32.21 | 2:11:58.42 | Mason Palmer       |
| 13    | 576  | 1:08:57.61 | 0:31:36.70 | 1:05:42.98 | 2:14:40.59 | Steve Middaugh     |
| 14    | 569  | 1:14:52.83 | 0:28:34.45 | 1:00:00.72 | 2:14:53.55 | Cam Ward           |
| 15    | 570  | 1:17:07.92 | 0:27:51.75 | 1:01:51.30 | 2:18:59.22 | Jeff Swanson       |
| 16    | 572  | 1:13:30.80 | 0:27:52.30 | 1:06:16.75 | 2:19:47.55 | Bob Volant         |
| 17    | 578  | 1:10:31.29 | 0:35:46.17 | 1:15:12.60 | 2:25:43.89 | John Strickler     |
| 18    | 541  | 1:12:14.82 | 0:37:17.60 | 1:13:56.87 | 2:26:11.69 | Theo VonWallmenich |
| 19    | 74   | 1:18:54.80 | 0:30:25.86 | 1:10:31.72 | 2:29:26.52 | Sara Williams      |
| 20    | 73   | 1:19:37.67 | 0:28:24.00 | 1:10:35.09 | 2:30:12.76 | Chuck Brenner      |
| 21    | 542  | 1:18:38.67 | 0:37:56.16 | 1:14:53.02 | 2:33:31.69 | Patrice Lussiez    |
| 22    | 571  | 1:18:07.24 | 0:27:51.15 | 1:15:38.39 | 2:33:45.63 | Chris Hanson       |
| 23    | 577  | 1:20:51.87 | 0:34:27.96 | 1:19:25.44 | 2:40:17.31 | James Gornick      |
| 24    | 573  | 1:20:40.42 | 0:34:22.88 | 1:21:58.96 | 2:42:39.38 | Eric Huber         |

## Twenty-four compete in annual triathlon

### Andy Triebold wins 2004 Winter Wolf Triathlon

Andy Triebold edged Jim Harwood and Bill Torongo to win the 2004 Johnson Outdoors Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon held on Saturday, February 21.

The triathlon, an annual event, included canoeing/kayaking on

the AuSable River (from Ray's to Burtons Landing), and snowshoeing and cross country skiing at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

Triebold won the event with a total time of 1:38:20.39. Harwood took second place with a time of 1:40:40.06, and Torongo finished third at 1:42:12.88.

Twenty-four competitors participated in this year's triathlon.

A complete list of 2004 Winter

Wolf Triathlon results (provided by Grayling Recreation Authority) is available on this page.



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Jim Harwood leads in the snowshoe portion of the Winter Wolf Triathlon.



Andy Triebold finishes first on the river section of the Winter Wolf Challenge Triathlon. Triebold went on to win the entire event.

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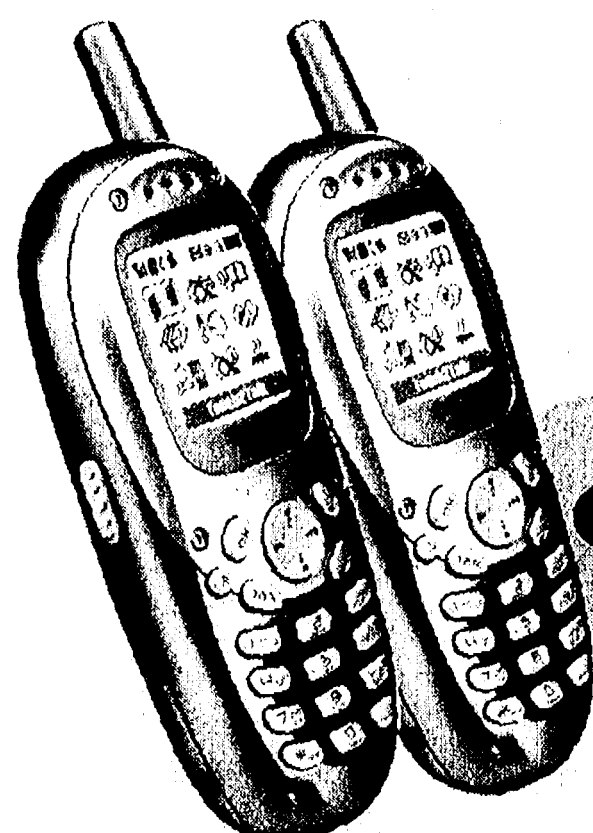
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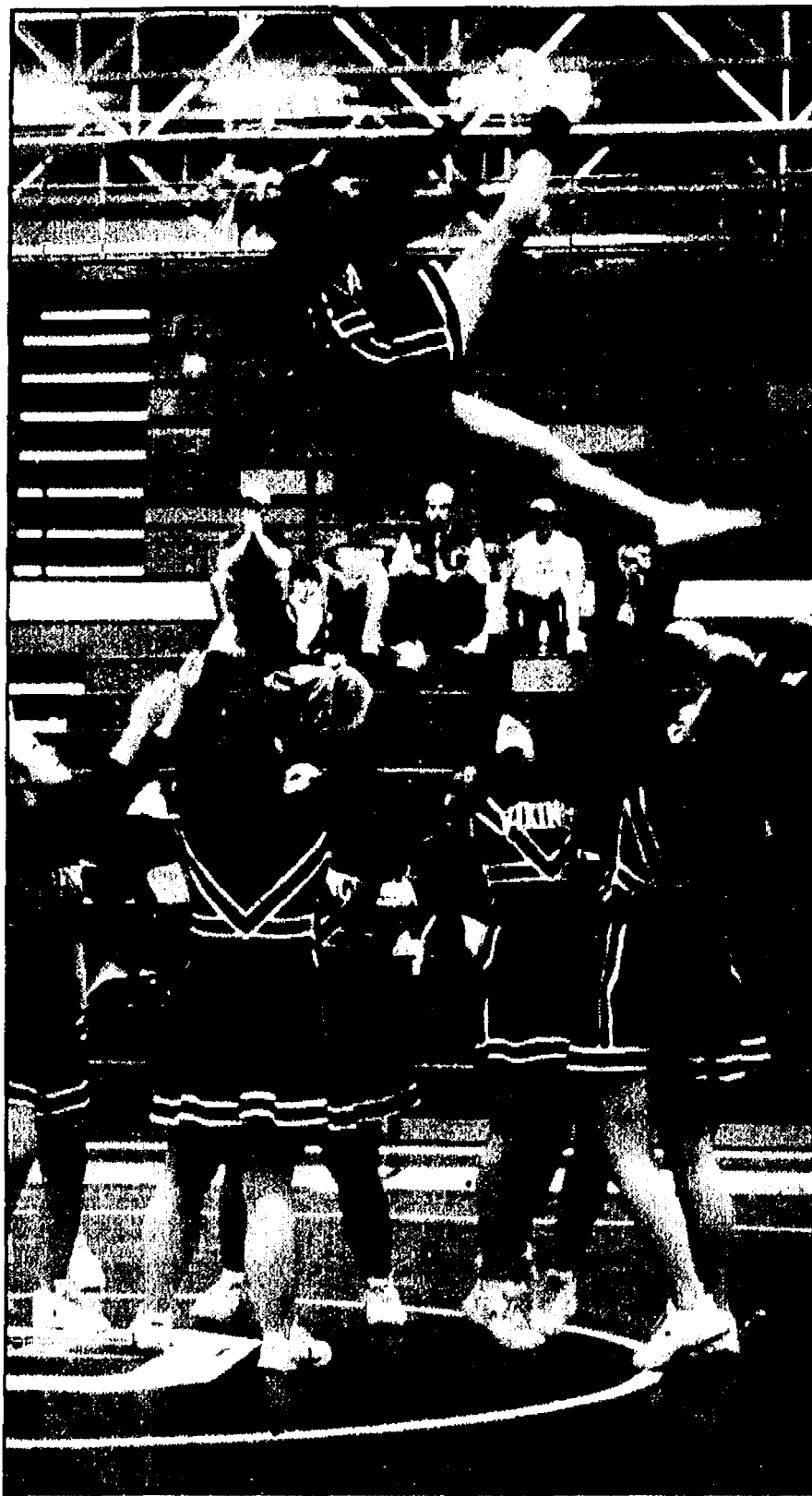
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## Cheer team takes 3rd in league



The GHS varsity cheerleading squad performs a stunt during its second run at Wednesday's league cheer championships.



(Above) Grayling High School's varsity cheer team competes at the Lake Michigan Conference cheer-leading championships at GHS last Wednesday. The event, which included two routines from each school, was won by East Jordan. Grayling placed third. (Below) The Vikings finish their first cheer at last week's league competition.



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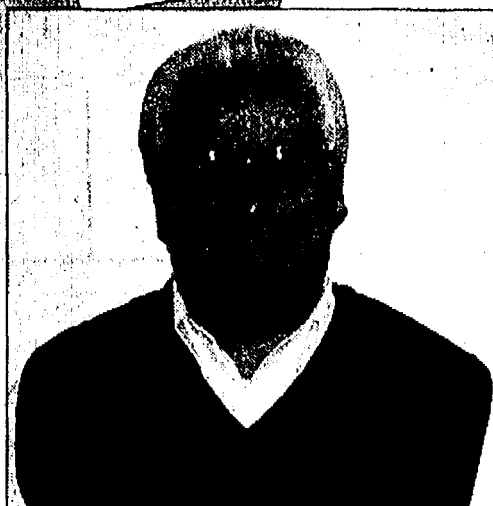
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## Red Devils pull away late in 72-61 win

### Freshman boys basketball team unable to finish comeback try

The East Jordan Red Devils pulled away late in the fourth quarter of last Friday's freshman boys basketball game at Grayling High School.

Grayling trailed 16-10 after one quarter. East Jordan led 35-26 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Vikings chipped away at the East Jordan lead and pulled within three, 46-43, on a lay-up by Doug Slater at the 2:18 mark. A free throw by Jeremiah Bootz cut East Jordan's lead to two points. The Red Devils scored the last points of the third quarter on a shot inside to lead 48-44 going into the fourth period.

Grayling opened the fourth quarter with a drive by Steve

Meharg to pull within two. Two free throws by East Jordan put the Red Devils back up by four. Two shots inside by Nick Parkinson tied the game at 50-50 with 6:27 remaining.

East Jordan scored, and Grayling tied the game with a shot inside by Terry Fraley. The Red Devils scored, and Grayling answered with a lay-up by Meharg. East Jordan converted two free throw attempts and Grayling scored two on a pair of free throws by Parkinson. Grayling answered an East Jordan jumper with a jump shot by Bootz. The score was tied at 58-58 with 3:22 left in the game.

East Jordan took control from there, outscoring Grayling 14-3 down the stretch. The Red Devils won by a final score of 72-61.

The freshman team plays its last game of the season this week.



Doug Slater shoots a jumper for Grayling.

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# Grayling defeats East Jordan 94-55

## Vikings win one at home, lose on the road in two league games

The GHS varsity boys basketball team won a conference match-up against East Jordan 94-55 last Friday at Grayling High School.

Grayling outscored the Red Devils 27-18 in a high-scoring first quarter. The Vikings had a 58-33 advantage at halftime, and Grayling led 81-42 going into the fourth quarter.

Thirteen Vikings scored points in the game, with Roy Czapek leading the way with 25 points (plus eight rebounds and six steals). Josh Hinkle, Joe Lange, Gibson Tobin, Joe Zelek, Travis Helsel, Derek Johnston, Josh Millikin, Greg Morrill, Bobby Starks, Ryan Schmidt, Chad Helsel, and Andy Strohpaul also scored points for GHS in the contest.

Lange was the team's leading rebounder with 13 boards. Tobin

finished with 11 assists.

"We played very unselfish offensively," Coach Rich Moffit said. "Our kids did a great job of locating the open man and distributing the basketball. Defensively, we had 35 deflections in the first half, which is very good. It was good to see our team play with confidence."

On Tuesday, Grayling lost at Charlevoix to a strong Rayder squad 80-64.

Charlevoix led 23-13 after one quarter and 41-28 at halftime. The Rayders edged Grayling 38-36 in the second half to win 80-64.

"We struggled early at both ends of the court. We played better in the second half," Coach Moffit said.

Leading scorers for Grayling in the Charlevoix game were Tobin (14) and Lange (13). Morrill finished with nine points. Travis Helsel and Czapek each had eight points.

Grayling is 12-7 overall and 5-5 in the Lake Michigan Conference.



Joe Lange grabs a rebound for the Vikings in last week's game against the East Jordan Red Devils.

The Vikings will play Roscommon in round one of the District #63 tournament on

Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m. at Grayling High School.



Gibson Tobin drives to the basket for Grayling in last Friday's game vs. East Jordan.

## JV team beats East Jordan 71-52

### Vikings win at home vs. Red Devils, fall to Rayders at CHS

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team defeated the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 71-52 in a game at GHS last Friday.

The Vikings led 19-14 after one quarter and had a 37-24 advantage at halftime. Grayling took a 53-37 cushion into the fourth quarter and finished with an 18-15 final eight minutes of play to win by 19, 71-52.

On Tuesday, the Vikings lost a road game at Charlevoix 78-63.

Grayling led the Rayders 22-9 after one quarter and had a 44-33 lead at halftime. Charlevoix outscored GHS 45-19 in the second half to win the game 78-63.

"We played a great first quarter and a good second quarter. (In the second half) they put a lot of pressure on the ball and we gave up some easy baskets," Coach Butch Hayes said.

Eli VanNuck was the scoring leader for Grayling with 22 points. Ryan Feldhauser scored 12 and Zac Baker added 10. Jim Boylan, Zach Dean, Reagan Schmidt, and Ron Johnston also scored points for the Vikings.

The JV team finishes its 2003-04 season this week.



Ron Johnston draws a foul in Friday's Grayling vs. East Jordan JV game.

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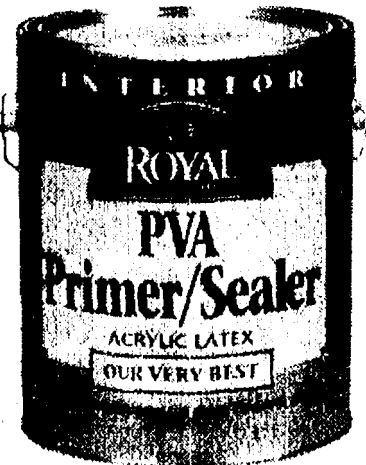
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Fred Bear testing one of his first bows in 1927 or 1928.

When Fred Bear first started bowhunting in 1929, you could fit all of the bowhunters in Michigan into the same Model T.

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Others have described him as a mid-century Henry Ford, a man he greatly admired during his early days in Detroit, for his ability to almost single-handedly build an entire industry. And one source has stated that the Bear Archery Film Library is the single largest collection of outdoor films ever produced on one subject.

All these accolades are heady stuff, indeed, for a farm boy of modest means from the Mennonite country of Pennsylvania. Born on March

5, 1902 in Waynesboro, Bear spent a childhood highlighted with hunting and trapping near his home.

At age 21, he journeyed to Detroit where he found work as a pattern-maker at Packard Motor Car Company. In 1925, he moved over to Chrysler, and then later ran an advertising silk-screen plant for the automotive trade.

One day in 1927, a chance visit to the Adams Theatre in Detroit changed the course of Bear's life and ultimately led to the creation of a new form of outdoor recreation for millions of people around the globe.

Bear saw a film titled "Alaskan Adventures" depicting the bowhunting exploits of a Californian by the name of Arthur Young.

Young and his friends had learned many of the bowhunting skills from



Fledgling filmmaker and photographer, Fred Bear, loads his still camera, with his movie camera at his feet. Photo taken in Canada, 1945.

Ishi, the last primitive Indian in America, who was discovered in 1911.

In 1916, the group often hunted together, thus passing along Ishi's ancient archery skills to the new Americans.

"Alaskan Adventures" captivated Bear's interest and in 1927 he finally met Young and Bear's lifelong bowhunting quest began in earnest.

Bear and Young huddled together in Bear's basement workshop where the experienced archer taught the newcomer how to make bows arrows and handmade Irish linen bowstrings. They roved the fields near Detroit while Young helped Bear hone his archery skills.

In 1933, during the height of the Great Depression, Bear and friend, Charles Piper, pooled their resources of \$600 and established the Bear Products Company in a small rented garage on Tireman Avenue in Detroit.

Call it hereditary, but Bear was destined to create something good, something useful. After all, his great uncle, Daniel Drawbaugh, was considered by many to have been the original inventor of the telephone. However, Alexander

Graham Bell won the honor when the Supreme Court decided the matter by just one vote following a lengthy court battle with Drawbaugh.

Off in one corner of the rented garage, Bear worked diligently, handcrafting archery equipment for his growing circle of friends. They appreciated Bear's fine craftsmanship from his training in the ancient art of the archer bowyer.

By 1939, the Young and Bear expanded operations to the point when a third move to larger quarters was necessary. However, the pair dissolved the partnership.

Desirous of being closer to his favorite bowhunting and fly-fishing territory in northern lower Michigan, Bear moved his archery plant to the small town of Grayling, in 1947.

Grayling was ideally suited for a hunting-oriented company being situated between the AuSable State Forest and the Huron National Forest. It was a gentle community setting that matched Bear's personality and that of most archers and bowhunters.

The Fred Bear Museum was built in 1966 in an area named Bear



Fred Bear at 12, with his dog, Scot, returning from a successful rabbit hunt.

Mountain, in his honor (now Hanson Hills Recreation Area) near the city of Grayling, and housed Bear's collection of bowhunting artifacts, trophies and memorabilia.

Between 1966 and 1980 more than 100,000 people a year visited the Fred Bear Museum.

In 1978 the archery manufacturing operation was relocated to Gainesville, Florida and Bear's museum, featuring mementos of his many hunting expeditions, opened in Gainesville in 1984.

Fred Bear passed away on April 27, 1988, at age 86. The Fred Bear Archery plant and museum, have

since been sold and closed, but his legendary hunts and equipment designs will live on as new archers and bowhunters emerge from each generation.

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# Four wrestlers qualify for State

## Vikings come up two points short of a Regional team title

Four Grayling High School wrestlers placed high enough at Saturday's Individual Regionals to qualify for the upcoming State Finals.

Dusty Partello (152) won his weight class at Regionals. Joel Wilson (140) finished 4th, Darryl Babbitt (160) took 3rd, and Brandon Pratt (189) placed 4th. The State Wrestling Finals will be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 11-13. There will be 16 wrestlers in each weight

class at the State Finals.

Five other Vikings competed at Regionals, held at Benzie Central High School on Saturday, but did not place high enough to qualify for the state meet: Josh Partello (112), Corey Metzger (125), Adam Malone (135), Aaron Rosecrans (215), and Don Starks (275). Grayling had nine Regional qualifiers this year, the second highest total in team history.

On Wednesday, the Vikings competed in Team Regionals after qualifying by winning a District championship. Teams included Grayling, Gladstone, Roscommon, and Standish. The meet was held at Oscoda.

Grayling's first opponent was Standish. The Vikings won the match 43-18 to advance to the championship round.

In the title match, Roscommon edged GHS 32-30.

Grayling won the first five weight classes to lead 21-0. The run included wins by Dusty Partello (152), Babbitt (160), Pratt (189), Rosecrans (215), and Starks (275). The heavyweight match of Starks vs. Bo Hellebuyck was one of the highlights of the contest, with Starks winning a hard-fought bout 8-5.

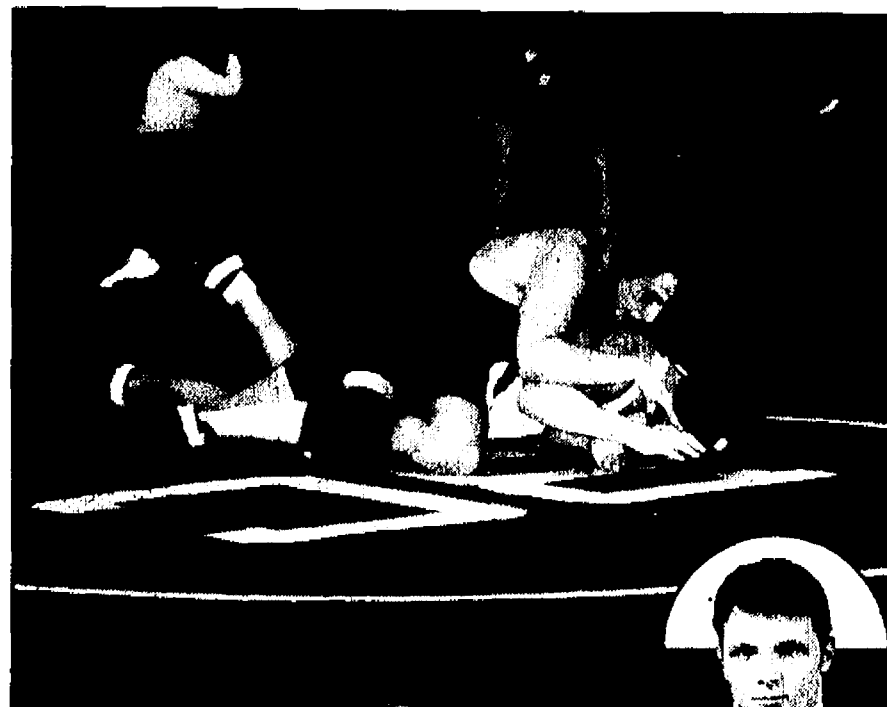
Roscommon won the next four weight classes (105, 112, 119, 125) to pull within two, 21-19. Jeff Bancroft (135) won by deci-

sion to give GHS three more team points. Roscommon won at 135 and 140. Wilson (145) scored six points for the Vikings with a pin to put Grayling up by one, 30-29, with one match to go.

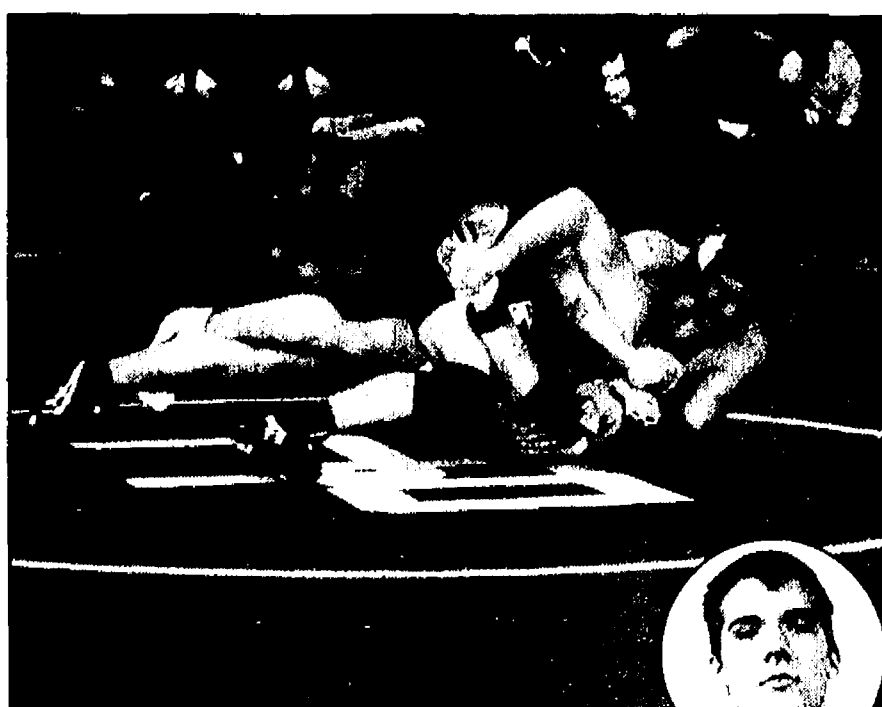
The Bucks won the last match by decision to earn three points and win a Regional team title. The final score was Roscommon 32, Grayling 30.

"The final match when we went against Roscommon could have gone either way. It was a great showing by each team. Our kids wrestled their hearts out but came up short," Coach Don Ferguson said.

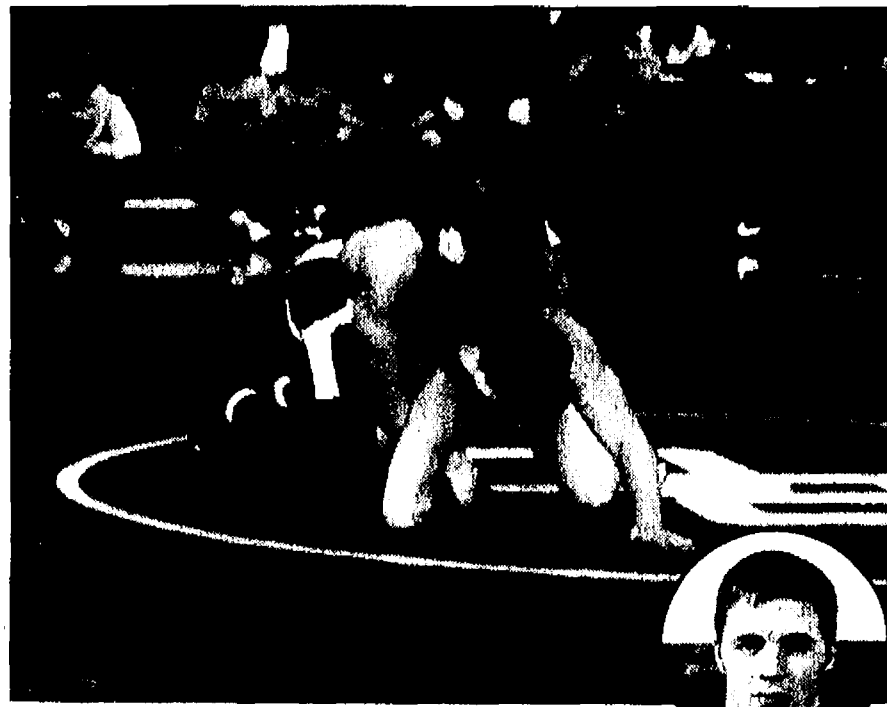
Note: Action photos below are from Individual Regionals.



Dusty Partello



Brandon Pratt



Darryl Babbitt



Joel Wilson

## Skiers finish 8th at State Finals

### Ski teams fight snowy weather at championship meet

Pre-season polls ranked Grayling High School's boys ski team 10th in the state. How accurate are the polls? This year's State Finals included eight of the top 10 pre-season picks.

The co-op team of Maple City-Glen Lake/Leland/Suttons Bay won the boys competition, moving up from the pre-season 6th place slot and jumping ahead of pre-season favorite Harbor Springs. East Grand Rapids, Boyne City, Kingford, Cranbrook/Kingswood, Onkama, Grayling, and Bloomfield Hills Andover rounded out the field.

"Our boys felt they could have skied better, but then so did most of the other skiers who participated in the meet. It was a tough day with heavy wet snow blocking visibility at times and changing race conditions by the minute," Coach Mike Wieland said.

The top racer for Grayling was Trevor Clough, who finished 11th in slalom and 20th in giant slalom (GS).

"Trevor has skied better in giant slalom most of the year. In Monday's meet he left the start in snow that limited visibility. The wet snow stuck on goggles, making it a tough race. Snow varied all morning from real heavy to almost clearing and had a major impact on race conditions," Coach Wieland said.

Jon Handy was second on the team, placing 21st in GS and 31st in slalom. "Jon skied good and solid all day," Coach Wieland said.

Jim Jansen placed 27th in slalom and 38th in GS. "Jim's string of real solid finishes came to an end as he had great first runs and fell in both second



Andrew Hart skis for Grayling at last week's State Finals.

runs," Coach Wieland said.

Pat McNally was 33rd in GS (after making a great one-legged recovery during one run) and 39th in slalom (after falling on his first run). Adam Gilbert had a good race his first run in GS and fell in the second, placing 47th. He disqualified in slalom. Andrew Hart was 46th in slalom despite a fall and disqualified in GS.

"The heavy wet snow continued into the afternoon, causing varying conditions during the

slalom race. One of our parents figured that 42 percent of the boys that raced slalom fell. Conditions were tough and racers wanted to ski fast. It's a tribute to all the skiers that no one was hurt. We skied five juniors and a freshman and next year is not that far away. We are looking forward to another shot at the state's top ski competition," Coach Wieland said.

The Vikings will wrap up their 2004 ski season with their annual awards banquet on March 17.

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## LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGSMEETING HELD ON THE  
9TH DAY OF 2004  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Ferrigan at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Ferrigan, Moshier, Akers, McClain, Palmer  
Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Dave Sabin, Doug Meroney, Kay Cosgray, Bob Cosgray, Caleb Casey, Mark Sieting, Chad Beckett, Melissa Beckett, Terry McGregor, Tom Wellman  
III. Public Hearing.

None.  
IV. Approval of Consent Agenda.  
Police Department Monthly Report for January 2004

Fire Department Monthly Report for January 2004

Huron Pines RC&D Area Council Meeting Summary for January 20, 2004  
911 Activity Report for January 2004  
Crawford County Sheriff's Office 2003 Report

04-032  
Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

V. Approval of Council Minutes  
Special Meeting January 26, 2004  
04-033

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier that the minutes of the special meeting of January 26, 2004 be approved as presented: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Regular Meeting January 26, 2004  
04-034

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2004 be approved as amended: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens Who Wish To Speak On Agenda Items.

-Mark Sieting requested to speak for Rieth-Riley Construction Company.  
Old Business.

Streetscape Contract  
04-035

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to have a first reading on the contract for the streetscape: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

04-036

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier to put the streetscape contract on the agenda for the next meeting under Old Business: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Clerk's Salary Increase

-As per the City Attorney it was suggested that Joe, Larry or Roger move to reconsider the Clerk's salary increase. The Charter for the City of Grayling has an unique approach in section 11 setting salaries. The Council has to vote to increase the budget line item with a 4/5 vote and then can vote on the increase with a majority vote.

04-037

Moved by Ferrigan, seconded by Moshier to reconsider motion #04-024 of the meeting held on January 26, 2004 regarding the Clerks salary: Roll Call Vote: Palmer: Nay, Akers: Nay, Ferrigan: Nay, McClain: Nay, Moshier: Aye, motion failed.

04-038

Moved by Palmer, seconded by McClain to appoint a two Council Person Committee to look at the Clerk's salary increase for this fiscal year, including the budget for next year for all supervisors; Clerk, Treasurer, DPW, and Police Chief: Roll Call Vote: Akers: Nay, Ferrigan: Aye, McClain: Aye, Moshier: Nay, Palmer: Aye, motion carried.

Mayor Ferrigan appointed Akers and McClain to the Committee.

VIII. New Business.

Collection of 2004 Summer Taxes  
04-039

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers to collect the taxes of COOR, Crawford AuSable Schools and Kirtland Community College with the 2004 Summer Taxes as has been past practice: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Road Commission Property Purchase  
04-040

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer to have the City Manager negotiate a price with the Road Commission for property in the Industrial Park: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Rieth-Riley Construction Co.  
04-041

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Palmer that the City maintains its position to withhold the money from Rieth-Riley: Roll Call Vote: Ferrigan: Aye, McClain: Aye, Moshier: Aye, Palmer: Aye, Akers: Aye, motion carried.

IX. Citizens who wish to speak.

-Doug Meroney wanted to thank the City for a couple of things: first for Dennis & Roger being available for calls in the evening and for an excellent job on snow removal.

-Mr. Meroney commented that the street light between the Grayling Restaurant and Parrots Perch is intermittent.

-Mr. Meroney stated that he was contacted by the Police Chief and declined to meet with him. He stated that he was

advised not to meet with the City Manager or Police Chief without having a witness.

-Mr. Meroney thanked the City Manager for allowing the City Engineers to allow him to photograph the aerial maps.

-Mr. Meroney announced that he has been hired as the new GUDA manager.

X. Reports.

ZBA

-No meeting.

Planning Commission

-No meeting.

Parks Committee

-Will be holding a special meeting on February 11th at 4:45 pm at City Hall.

DDA

-Will be meeting on Thursday, February 12th at 7:30 am at City Hall.

City Manager

-BMW motorcycle group in town June 11-13 2004.

-The deadline for posting the DPW director's position in the MML Review is in March for the April issue, so we will be looking at May sometime for filling the position.

-Received the request from Tom Wellman to pay him his mileage for the ice rink.

-Presented a report on the Manager's conference held last week.

-Presented a report from the contacts with Gander Mountain.

Council Members

-McClain reported that the Chamber of Commerce meets next Wednesday.

-McClain stated that it was brought to her attention by Irene from the Visitor's Bureau that the snowmobile route from Lake Street to Ottawa Street dead-ends.

-Moshier reported that he applied and was accepted to serve on the MML Legislative Committee and will be going to Lansing on Friday.

-Moshier stated that he felt, that after listening to the City Attorney on the duties of a Councilperson, that it was not necessary to have the Department Heads at City Council meetings if everyone does their homework.

-Moshier reported a problem with the ice rink at the Middle School location. There is a concern with possible dangers with light wires sagging that kids can reach them. The snow piles have been lowered and the power has been disconnected. The school is not satisfied and the lights will only be on when we are working on the ice rink and it is supervised.

They are looking for the City to rerun the wires at the City's expense. It is recommended that the City hold off spending any money until we know more information on use of the ice rink.

X. Adjournment  
04-042

Moved by Moshier, that the meeting be adjourned. Mayor Ferrigan Adjourned the meeting at 9:21 P.M.

Michele A. Moshier  
City Clerk

Future Agenda Items can be found on our website: "http://www.city-ofgrayling.org"

02-09-04

STATE OF MICHIGAN

JUDICIAL DISTRICT

46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY PROBATE

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

989-348-2841

Case No. 03-6261-CH

Brian Royce

Carey & Jaskowski, P.L.L.C.

By: William L. Carey (P31602)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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P.O. Drawer 665  
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Juan J Valdez and Shari L. Valdez  
201 Peerless  
Waterford, MI 48322

Summons notice to the defendant: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan, you are notified:

1. You are being sued.

2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action (28 days if you were served by mail or you were served outside this state).

3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

-4-11-18

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF

CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 03-6733-DE

Estate of Susan May Keene, deceased

Date of birth: 2/7/39

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Susan M. Keene, who lived at 8802 N. Petersen Rd Frederic, Michigan 49733 died 12-5-03.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Constance M. Keene-Meyer named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12-12-2003

Constance M. Keene-Meyer

1454 W. Labo

Carleton, MI 48117

734-654-9619

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Notice Of

Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by George A. Pelton and Linda Pelton, to Kalkaska Housing Factory, dated August 21, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 25, 1995, in Liber 399, Page(s) 53, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), by Mortgage Assignment dated August 23, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 25, 1995, in Liber 399, Page(s) 56, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$37,600.91, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW, THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on March 31, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County

of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 8.99 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

All of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 28, North, Range 3 West, also including that part of the following described Parcel "G" located in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 34; EXCEPT therefrom that part deeded to the State Highway Commissioner by deed recorded March 20, 1931 in Liber 18, Page 384.

PARCEL "G": Part of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 34, T28N, R3W, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 34; thence S89°56'W (along the Section line), 1061.8 feet to the P.O.B.; thence S0°18'E, 666.52 feet; thence S89°53'W, 260 feet; thence S0° 18 E, 660 feet; thence S89°53'W, 266 feet; thence N0°11'18"W, 1026.98 feet; thence N89°56'E, 263.5 feet; thence N0°18'W, 300 feet; thence N89°56'E, 260 feet to the P.O.B.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC

f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation

d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance

Donald A Brandt (P30183)

Attorneys for Mortgage

1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817

Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817

(231) 941-9660

Date: February 11, 2004

Notice Of

Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by DAVID R. WAGNER, a single man, to REPUBLIC BANK, Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2001 and recorded on July 25, 2001 in Liber 0544, Page(s) 067 CRAWFORD County Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred six thousand one hundred fifty and 19/100 Dollars (\$106,150.19), including interest at 5.000% per annum and modified by modification agreement dated October 1, 2001 and recorded November 8, 2001 in Liber 559, on page 326.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at public vendue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 A.M. on March 31, 2004.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 244, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AUSABLE UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3, PAGE 25, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: February 26, 2004

REPUBLIC BANK, MORTGAGEE

ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.

401 South Old Woodward Avenue

Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

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-26-4-11-18

Notice Of

Mortgage

Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John G McNichol, II, a married man a/k/a John G McNichol, and Rebecca McNichol, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2001, and recorded on July 3, 2001 in Liber 540 on Page 388, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 29, thence North 0 degrees, 12 minutes, West on the Section line, 515.65 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 0 degrees, 12 minutes, West, 798.25 feet to the 1/8 corner; thence South 89 degrees, 30 minutes, East 400.80 feet to the centerline of Stecker Bridge Road; thence 286.00 feet along the arc of a 482.17 foot radius curve to the right, with a long chord of which bears South 18 degrees, 04 minutes West, 281.83 feet; thence South 35 degrees, 03 minutes 40 seconds West 399.65 feet; thence 217.60 feet along the arc of a 477.50 foot radius curve to the left, with a long chord of which bears South 22 degrees, 01 minutes, West 215.57 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2004

For more information, please call:

FC X 248.593.1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #013897F01

-12-19-26-4

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAX

The LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD of the TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0186 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2004.

The hearing will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HALL.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 97% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BASIC SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD PROPOSES TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL MILL RATE OF .0186 MILLS (.375 CENTS PER THOUSAND \$EV).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED LAND

USE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE

CAMP GRAYLING MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER

The Michigan Army National Guard (MIARNG) is proposing to extend the current land use management agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources until the year 2014 with one modification. The original 20-year land use management agreement signed in 1984 allows limited military training on nearly 47,000 acres of state owned lands. The MIARNG proposes to extend the agreement to the year 2014. The Proposed Action would also contain a modification to the agreement to allow firing of the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) on state lands located southwest of the City of Grayling in Kalkaska and Crawford Counties.

In addition to the Proposed Action, the Draft EA evaluates two alternatives: Extend the Current Management Agreement to 2014 with No Modifications and the No-Action Alternative which would eliminate nearly 47,000 acres of lands currently available for training.

An analysis of the environmental impacts of these proposed actions is presented in a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which is available for public review and comment. Copies of the Draft EA have been mailed to individuals that participated in the EA process as well as federal, state, and local agencies; interested organizations and agencies; and public libraries. Copies may be reviewed at the Camp Grayling Environmental Office, Building 30, Camp Grayling, MI. 49739, during normal business hours. The Draft EA will also be available for review at the Crawford County Library, 201 Plum St., Grayling, MI 49738. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon - Thurs.; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri. and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat. This assessment will be available for review for 30 days from March 4 to April 2, 2004. Written public comment concerning this proposal is invited.

Comments should be sent no later than April 2, 2004 and addressed to Michigan Army National Guard, Attention: Public Affairs Officer, 2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI. 48913. Questions may be directed to CPT Dawn Dancer, Public Affairs Officer, Headquarters, Michigan Army National Guard, (517) 483-5600.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott D. Baker, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 20, 2003 in Liber 641 on Page 194, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 85/100 Dollars (\$41,229.85), including interest at 9.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 31, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Roy L. Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 38 Crawford County Records Township of Grayling County Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Centex Home Equity Company, LLC  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #010075F02

sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 9.25 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, State of Michigan described as follows:

That certain parcel of land located within the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, bounded by a line beginning at the Section corner at the Northwest corner of said forty-acre tract and running thence East 132 feet; thence South 330 feet; thence West 132 feet, thence North 330 feet to the Place of Beginning. Being in the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.  
Green Tree Servicing LLC  
(f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation)  
DONALD A BRANDT (P30183)  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817  
(231) 941-9660  
Dated: January 26, 2004

## Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine E. Timmony, an adult woman, and Jason Fik, a single man, of 408 Ionia Street, Grayling Michigan 49738-1614 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated April 16, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and the State of Michigan on April 21, 2003 in Liber 629, Pages 315 through 325, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$50,576.64.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:  
East 1/2 of Lots 5 and 6, Block 22, of ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.  
The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.  
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP  
Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)

Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351  
Dated: February 2, 2003

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 96-5619-DE  
Estate of Bernard James Bourrie, deceased  
Date of birth: 5/06/1925  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Bernard James Bourrie, who lived at 744 South Roberts Rd Grayling Michigan, died October 6, 1996.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cheryl L. Millikin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 11, 2004  
Camarin L. Compton P64799  
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop;  
P.O.Box Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI, 49738

Cheryl L. Millikin  
3220 W. North Down River Rd.  
Grayling MI, 49738

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 04-6758-DE  
Estate of Phyllis Ruth Brummer, deceased  
Date of birth: 12-12-1920  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Phyllis Ruth Brummer, who lived at 9395 Lincoln Park Blvd., Grayling, Michigan died Nov. 2, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David R. Sabin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 18, 2004  
Camarin L. Compton P64799  
P.O. Drawer 665  
Grayling, MI 49738

David R. Sabin (P19822)  
115 E. Michigan Ave.  
Grayling, MI 49738

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth A. Leasure and Craig Leasure, husband and wife, to Residential Mortgage Corporation (IMC), a Florida Corporation, mortgagee, dated September

25, 1998 and recorded October 15, 1998 in Liber 465, Page 451, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$44,996.00) including interest at the rate of 11.39% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2004.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot No. 8 and South half (1/2) of Lot No. 9 Jonawissen Subdivision, Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: March 4, 2004  
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC  
Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation - Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-BC1, As Assignee  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 231.3509  
Jnh

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Biesel, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2002, and recorded on November 21, 2002 in Liber 608 on Page 478, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twelve And 82/100 Dollars (\$46,212.82), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on April 7, 2004.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of

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the of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, lying South M-72, Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 2004  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #010666F01

thence North 24 degrees 09 minutes West 82.2 feet; thence North 50 degrees 18 minutes East 200.00 feet; thence North 60 degrees 11 minutes East 100.00 feet; thence South 17 degrees 15 minutes East 37.6 feet; thence South 32 degrees 40 minutes East 204.74 feet; thence South 43 degrees 28 minutes West 60.2 feet; thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds West 189.71 feet; thence South 61 degrees 31 minutes West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning.  
1839 Dewitt Trail

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis M. Bausman and Vicki L. Bausman, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of September, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 1997 in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D, said assignment dated the 8th day of March, 2000 and recorded in Liber 504, Page 255, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four & 07/100 (\$101,964.07), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, 2004 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.2500% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:  
Being Lot 69, and part of Lot's 60, 61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4, of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of Section 29, all in Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 69 for a point of beginning; thence North 33 degrees 46 minutes West 167.00 feet;

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 2/26/04 The Bank of New York  
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)  
Attorney for The Bank of New York  
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470  
Troy, MI 48064  
248-362-2600

## Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jenny J. Lanners, a single woman, of 11336 Pebble Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653-7636 to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GAYLORD, of 501 W. Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, dated May 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on May 29, 2003, in Liber 636 Pages 407 through 417, Crawford County Records, and which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$37,994.39.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 14th day of April, 2004 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the County Building in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows:  
Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Lot 10, WILLIAMS WILDERNESS, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 32, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

February 27, 2004  
BODMAN, LONGLEY & DAHLING LLP

Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)  
Debt Collector for First National Bank of Gaylord  
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-4351

## TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF GRAYLING

The CITY OF GRAYLING Board of Review for the 2004 tax and assessment rolls will meet for its organizational meeting on March 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board will meet with the taxpayers/petitioners on the following dates at the specified times:

Monday, March 8, 2004 from 9:00 - 12:00 and from 1:00 - 4:00 and Tuesday, March 9, 2004 from 1:00 - 4:00 and from 6:00 - 9:00 Meetings will be held at the GRAYLING CITY HALL.

The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property within the City of Grayling.

| CLASS       | TENTATIVE RATIO | TENTATIVE FACTOR |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Commercial  | 50.00           | 1.0000           |
| Industrial  | 50.00           | 1.0000           |
| Residential | 50.00           | 1.0000           |
| Personal    | 50.00           | 1.0000           |

Larry Hunter/Chris Verlac  
Co-Assessors, City of Grayling

## BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

There will be an annual meeting for the electors of Bear Lake Township on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. A special board meeting of the Township Board will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting to adopt the General Appropriations Act and other resolutions; and pay year end bills.

Carol Rosenberg,  
Clerk

## BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Budget Hearing for all Township funds for 2004-2005 on Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

The proposed budgets can be viewed at the Community Center on Thursday, March 4, 2004 from 1 pm to 3 pm or by calling the Clerk at 231 258-4359.

Carol Rosenberg,  
Clerk

## TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will meet for its organizational meeting of March 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on Monday, March 8, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. and on Thursday, March 11 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00p.m. All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

| CLASSIFICATION | FACTOR | RATIO  |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| Real Property  | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Agricultural   | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Residential    | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Commercial     | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Industrial     | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Personal       | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Utilities      | 50.00  | 1.0000 |
| Commercial     | 50.00  | 1.0000 |

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor  
Maple Forest Township

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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

**23 Years Ago**  
**March 5, 1981**

Voters will decide in April whether the middle school, built in 1917, should be replaced by a new facility at the high school site.

Three students from the Grayling Middle School have been named local winners in the 12th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group. The three who earned first, second, and third place awards for their school, are first, Michelle Barber, second, Kevin McDonough and Barbara Fitzgerald, third.

The Grayling High Basketball cagers whoop it up after claiming a share of the Michigan Huron Shores Conference title with a thrilling, 61-60 win over Petoskey Northmen. It was the first league championship for Grayling High School since joining the conference in the 1972-73 season.

Members of the Water Wonderland board of Realtors met with key state lawmaker in Lansing recently to discuss concerns affecting area property owners. Meeting with state Representative Ralph Ostling were board members Jack B. Hull, Norma Naour and John Naour.

Stopping by the Avalanche recently to display some of his creations was Fred Niederer of Grayling, with a deer scene he

carved out of pine. Fred specializes in outdoor scenes and works mostly with pine, adding a final touch with the use of a blow torch. He also makes custom plaques.

Honored at Century 21's "Involvement Day" on January 21st were salesperson's Barb Shepard, Ruth Steffe and Jerry Hayes.

The Viking girl's ski team finished their season with 41 wins, 32 losses and one tie. Team members are: Karyn Reynolds, Holly Nunn, Celina Eshenroder, Sheri Weiland, Terri Fijolek, Shelley Kammer, Renee Spina, Mika Fijolek and Heidi Bendig.

The Viking boys ski team finished with 56 wins, 21 losses, and one tie. Team members are: Grant Thomas, Jim Hill, Dave Martella, Bruce Carlson, John huss, Pat Hickey, Bill Martella, David Murch, Terry Norman, Jerry Norman, Dave Trudgeon, Dave Burr and Tim Thomson.

Mrs. Knibbs second grade class wrote birthday cards to our 40th president, Ronald Reagan. Reagan wrote back to thank them for the letters.

**46 Years Ago**  
**March 6, 1958**

Hugh Braugher and Fred Murkel were up cat hunting again. They took home a small bobcat last week from cold storage. But, this week, if they are telling the truth, they got a live one, 24 lbs. but I still don't

believe it.

1957-58 Viking and Junior Varsity squads with their coaches. Oscar Houring, Gary Springs, Frank Gross, Jack Hull, Roger Hatfield, Don Roberts, Wayne Winston and Roger Nelson, Leon D'Amour, Russel Mudge, Jim Kesseler, Newton Allison, John Isenhaser, Joe Rozenek, Don Leslie and Curt Smith.

Small fry at the marble ring. When you see the younger set engaged in the game of marbles on the school house play area, you can be sure spring is not too far away. A game that used to be confined to the younger males, seems to have taken on a feminine touch as most other pursuits from the looks of the group.

**69 Years Ago**  
**March 7, 1935**

Mike McCormick says that he will be a candidate for nomination for Supervisor of Lovells Township. The present incumbent is Edgar Caid, who no doubt also will be a candidate.

Mrs. Delbert Wheeler is assisting at Shoppenagons Inn during a few days vacation by the chef.

We missed our January thaw this year, but March has sure ushered in a real breakup. We didn't realize how much snow we did have, even if the drifts along the road were head high in places, until warm winds and rains began to diminish them. We hadn't noticed how the ice on the roads had been piling up until drainage problems made necessary the opening of gutters. Right on Main Street when workmen began clearing away, ice was found to be from 18 inches to two

feet deep - the winter's accumulation packed an inch at a time.

One report of seeing a robin has reached this office. Crows have been seen in great numbers and youngsters have started playing marbles. Who says spring isn't here?

Dr. and Mrs. C.R. Keyport were guest at the Army and Navy Ball in Detroit last week. This was held at the new Navy Armory and there was about a thousand people in attendance. Among the guests were most of the National Guard officers who annually come to Grayling for training.

A resolution was passed by the village council Monday night providing for the removal of rubbish from the homes monthly during the year except in winter. Rubbish must be placed in containers convenient for handling. This is done to help keep Grayling a clean and healthy city.

**92 Years Ago**  
**March 8, 1912**

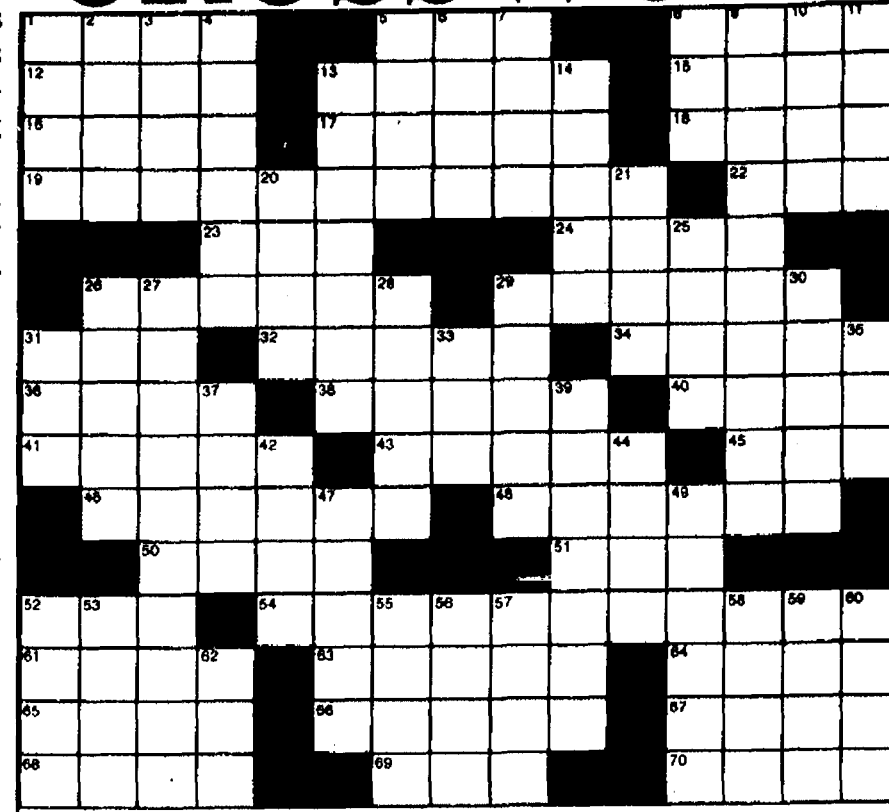
Mr. Brenner has been obligated to resign his position as chief of police of Grayling's police force, because of the poor health of Mrs. Brenner. Chas Stanard will fill this position until the inauguration of the next village council.

The Crown Chemical Company, who owned the chemical plant northwest of this town has gone under new management.

A blaze at the resident of E.R. Clark on the south side called out the fire department.

William Christenson put in his spare time, while the Mill at Grayling was shut down, cutting wood for H. Schreiber.

## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Short news piece.
5. Cylindrical roll of thread wound on a spindle.
8. Acronym for the International Society for Seed Science.
12. Acronym for Non-Operating Aircraft Authorization.
13. Turned hay into squares.
15. Phraya, river in Thailand.
16. State of agitation over a trivial matter.
17. To state as an opinion.
18. Another word for a robber.
19. Pertaining to orthodontia.
22. Acronym for Large-Scale Integration.
23. Samuel's teacher in the Bible.
24. Licentious man.
25. Former Fresh providence.
29. Precise viewpoints from which things are considered.
31. Alcoholic beverage brewed especially by rapid fermentation.
32. Relating to feces.
34. Young herring.
36. Gray wolf.
38. Performances involving only one.
40. God of destruction and regeneration in the Hindu triad.
41. About; concerning.
43. David George, British prime minister from 1916 to 1922.
45. Under the present circumstances.
46. To enclose in a case.
48. Goes to School, children's novel by Jonathan London.
50. Plural form of the watery portion of an animal fluid remaining after coagulation.
51. Self-funded retirement fund.
52. Acronym for the Pacific-Sierra Research Corporation.
54. People who prepare instructional programs.
55. Shepard, first American man in space.
63. Another time.
64. Abbreviation for Master of Science in Electrical Engineering.
65. Man devoted to a life of sensual pleasure.
66. Asian herb of the mulberry family with tough bast fiber.
67. Acronym for the Association of Moving Image Archivists.
68. Recording intended to show off a song to a record producer.

### DOWN

1. Short for information.
2. Brief trip through a particular place.
3. Direction of the earth's axial rotation.
4. Converts mail into mesh.
5. Movable bar on a musical instrument's fingerboard.
6. Wilbur Atwater, inventor of agricultural chemistry.
7. Confined; repressed.
8. Characterized by coldness.
9. Protecting income from taxation.
10. Settles from pressure.
11. Acronym for the Supra Owners Group International (Toyota Supra).
13. Upper parts of women's dresses.
14. To descend reluctantly.
20. Saint... tried to convert Norway to Christianity.
21. Teeth on the rim of a gear.
25. High rugged mountains.
26. Considered without reference to any other.
27. Space required for life and growth.
28. Haute... a highly stylized form of classical riding.
29. At a distance.
30. Former ruling house of Sardinia and Italy.
31. Winklike anatomic process.
33. Being more than one person.
35. To dress skins, usually by a dry process.
47. Mother of Isaac.
49. Units of magnetic flux density equal to one nanotesla.
52. Acronym for Post Accident Radioactivity Depletion.
53. Small, dark astrinquent fruit of the blackthorn.
55. Molding with an S-shaped profile.
56. Ill smelling.
57. Fully grown.
58. Acronym for the Enhanced Simulation Modeling Environment.
59. Restraining influence.
60. Special chair of one in eminence.
62. Prefix meaning "new."

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

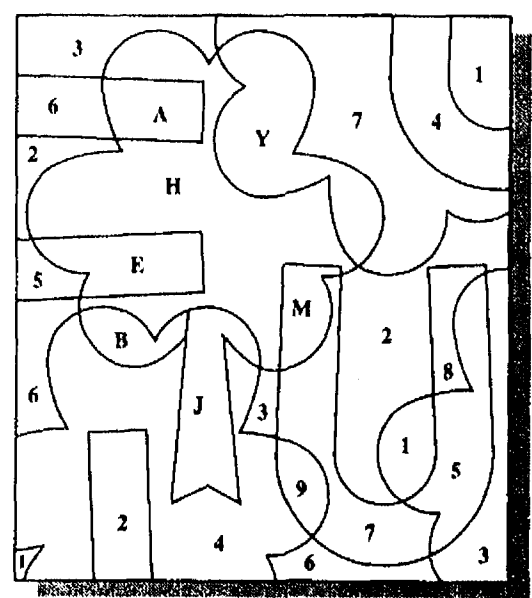


## Cinnamon Rice Pudding

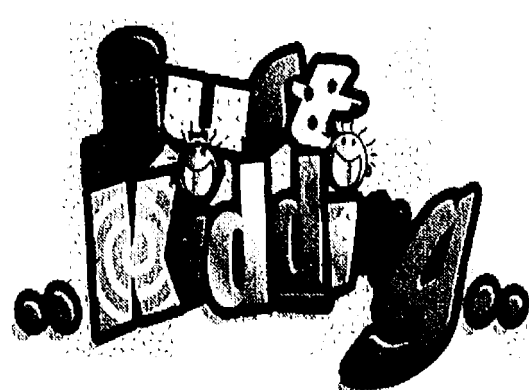
- 3 cups cooked medium-grain rice
- 3 cups milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Ground cinnamon (optional)
- Whipped cream (optional)

Combine rice, sugar, butter and cinnamon sticks in a two-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, 20 to 25 minutes or until thick and creamy. Remove from heat. Remove cinnamon and top with whipped cream. Makes six servings.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

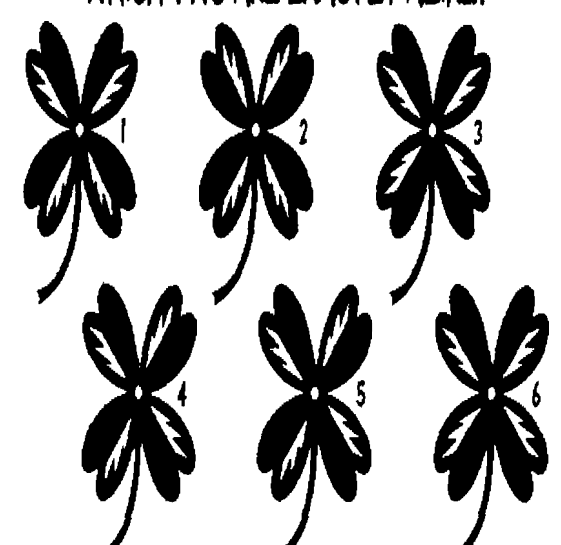


## DID YOU KNOW

Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## HOROSCOPES

For the Week of March 4, 2004



A surprise is on the way. Enjoy it! A delivery at work results in confusion. Straighten out the matter as soon as possible.

December 22-January 19



The week takes an unexpected turn for the better. Go out and celebrate. A friend seeks your opinion—be honest.

March 21-April 19



An interest you had as a child becomes a driving force in your life again. This time, enjoy yourself and learn all that you can.

June 22-July 22



Several causes are vying for your attention. Consider each carefully and commit to those closest to your heart. A rumor makes you uneasy.

September 23-October 22



A suggestion you make in a meeting impresses your supervisors. They may soon ask you to take on more responsibility.

July 20-August 18



The weekend brings distressful news from a relative. Deal with it the best that you can and try to stay optimistic. Travel plans go off without a hitch.

April 20-May 20



An item you've had your eye on finally goes on sale. Go ahead and splurge. You deserve a gift after all of the long hours you've been putting in.

July 23-August 22



Several changes take place at the office. You adapt quickly and everything goes smoothly. An article piques your curiosity.

October 23-November 21



A situation resolves itself. Spread the good news. A coworker is having difficulties adjusting to a new position. Be supportive.

January 19-February 18



This week marks a turning point in your life. You finally learn to say no. A discussion with a friend becomes heated.

May 21-June 20



A business account requires extra attention and careful handling. Watch what you say and keep the client's goals in mind.

August 23-September 22



Good times are about to get even better. A major turn of events from the past calls out to you.

November 22-December 21

## Adopt a Pet



Jinx is a nice boy. He is about 1 year old and gets along with other dogs. He is neutered, has all of his vaccinations, and has been heartworm tested.

Don't forget to Have a Heart for the animals! Show your love for animals and buy a heart today at local participating businesses. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

2004 Pet Calendars are still available for a donation of only \$5 each! The calendar is colorful and has the right sized date squares to log all of your important dates. We think the calendar will make a great affordable holiday gift for anyone of any age. Also, we still have about 25 Creature Comfort Cookbooks. Buy one for a donation of only \$15. Stop by the Avalanche or the Shelter to purchase one (or both) of these great fund-raiser items. Cookbooks are also available at Riverland Gear and the Medicine Shoppe in Grayling. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:  
**508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling**

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 3 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

### Last Week

| Date | H  | L  | Snow |
|------|----|----|------|
| 2/25 | 34 | 10 | 41   |
| 2/26 | 38 | 7  | 40   |
| 2/27 | 43 | 9  | 38   |
| 2/28 | 46 | 6  | 36   |
| 2/29 | 46 | 10 | 34   |
| 3/1  | 55 | 26 | 30   |
| 3/2  | 43 | 32 | 26   |

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

| High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| 39   | 20  | 35   | 16  | 31   | 18  | 36   | 22  |

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# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

## Crawford County Avalanche

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www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

**CAMP IN YOUR POLE** barn. 10 acres, heavily wooded, paved road, walk to AuSable. Lovells area, \$49,900. 344-8032. (-4-11-18-25/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 2 1/2** acres, 2 car garage, storage shed, nice big yard, perfect up north retreat, 7 miles from Grayling. \$75,000 (989) 344-7669 1-800-848-1268 (1/8/04/tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEW THREE BEDROOM,** two car attached, five miles east of town. \$87,000 (989) 348-4840 (-12-19-26-4/1)

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**HOUSE FOR SALE** Three bedroom ranch, full basement partially finished, carport, 24 x 30 deck, great neighborhood, 1.5 miles from town, close to all schools. \$64,999. (989) 348-9703 (1/8/04/tf/1)

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**RE/MAX OF Grayling**

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**AUSABLE WOODS, NICE CORNER LOT WITH CLEARED BUILDING SITE.** Northern Pines and Oak mixture and close to all recreational areas. Located in nice development with club house and pool for members. Association Dues \$150.00 annually. CS-1870 \$10,000




**Two STORY REMODELED HOME PLUS 1,000 S.F. RETAIL SHOP** Looking for retail space. High exposure on corner lot. 5 BR home with 23' x 40' retail/showroom. Currently used as assisted living home. Renovation includes siding, roof, electrical and plumbing. CH-1892 \$145,000




**RE/MAX Above the Crowd!**



**Close to the Ausable River!** View of the Ausable River! This 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath, large master BR (13'6" x 21'7") home is just 2 blocks from downtown and close to fishing and canoeing. City amenities include weekly trash pick-up. Extra water well for irrigation. Hook-up for a wood stove in the family room. Offers a womanized fence for privacy. Corner lot with large shade trees. CH-1893 \$77,500



**NICE FAMILY HOME CLOSE TO TOWN!** Open floor plan to kitchen, dining and living room. Features include an attached greenhouse off the living room. Kitchen offers 25' of oak cabinets. Drywall and carpet throughout. 2 Bedrooms have walk-in closets. New roof on house and garage this year. Thermo pane windows. 12' Gazebo in back yard. Beautiful mountain ash tree in front yard. Raised beds in front yard for landscaping. Black top county maintained road. CS-1830 \$99,900



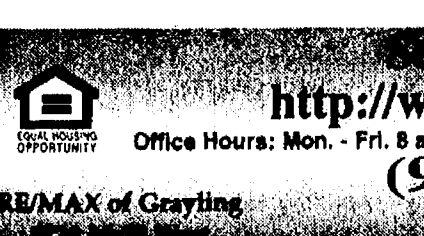
**NEAT AND CLEAN WITH COUNTRY SETTING** Newly remodeled home on 2.5 acres. 920 s.f., 2 B/R, 1 bath, 36x24 garage. Updated windows, garage doors, and floor covering. Handicap accessible, landscaped yard, fenced in back yard. To include stove refrigerator, washer, and dryer. Fridge. Close to snowmobile trails, state land and lakes. 1 1/2 miles from I-75. CS-1771 \$69,500



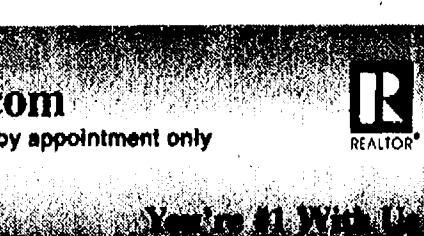
**A 15 ACRE RETREAT FOR ALL SEASONS** Chalet with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan with Pergo floors downstairs. Kitchen offers quality oak cabinets and snack bar. Vinyl thermo windows, drywall throughout. Brick fireplace in living room. Outside water and electric. Gravel drive. County maintained Road. CS-1800 \$99,500



**MINI FARM ON 2.59 ACRES.** Remodeled two story farm house. Features include 1,680 s.f. living area, 3 B/R, 2 bath, basement and garage. Drywall throughout, Bay Window in dining room, garden window in kitchen, newer electrical, furnace, vinyl siding, 4 inch well, septic system, decks, covered porch, lawn front and side yards. Seller in process of moving. New carpet in living room, B/R, bath and stairway. Hardwood floors in entryway. Garage possession not until weather permits. CH-1884 \$106,900



**GUTHRIE LAKES LOT #6531** Nice mixture with hardwoods and an excellent location to build. Association dues \$250.00 per year. Electricity at road, blacktop. 15 minutes North of Grayling and 15 minutes South of Gaylord. Some of the many amenities property owners enjoy: clubhouse, swimming pool, boat house and dock, beach and play area, park and picnic tables, nature area, volleyball court and much more. CS-1626 \$6,000




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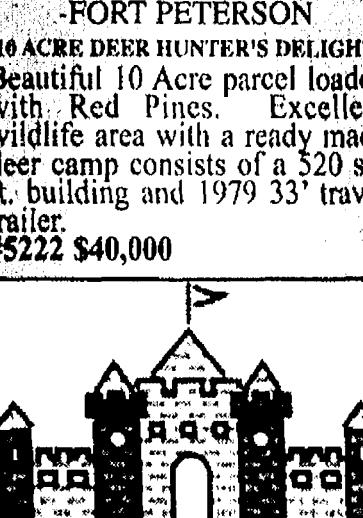
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**10 ACRE DEER HUNTER'S DELIGHT.** Beautiful 10 Acre parcel loaded with Red Pines. Excellent wildlife area with a ready made deer camp consists of a 520 sq. ft. building and 1979 33' travel trailer. #5222 \$40,000



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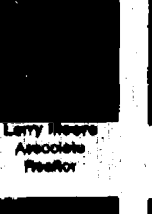
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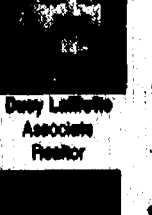
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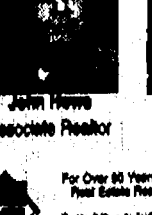
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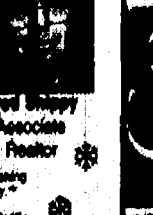
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**CHARMING FULL-LOG CABIN** Charming 3 b/r, 2 bath log cabin with many updates, including ceramic tile and newer carpet. Close to ski park and easy-on, easy-off the expressway. 2-car garage with in and out access doors. \$69,900 #230931


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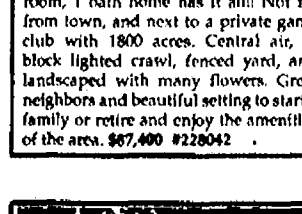
**THE PERFECT SPORTSMAN'S GETAWAY** 2 b/r, 1 bath Perfect first home or a sportsman's getaway. You are only about 1/4 mile from the Blue Bear Trails. State land backs up to the property on the North. This comfortable home offers new hotwater heater, propane heater in 1997, new roof and carpeting in 2000 and lots of storage. \$72,500 #228237



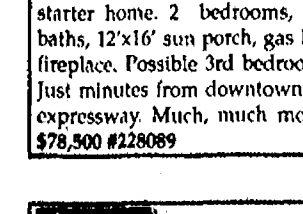
**CHARMING HOME IN WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD** This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home has it all! Not far from town, and next to a private game club with 1800 acres. Central air, 5-block lighted crawl, fenced yard, and landscaped with many flowers. Great neighbors and beautiful setting to start a family or retire and enjoy the amenities of the area. \$87,400 #228042




**CUTE HOME WITH SUN PORCH** Great location, perfect starter home. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 12'x16' sun porch, gas log fireplace. Possible 3rd bedroom. Just minutes from downtown or expressway. Much, much more. \$78,500 #228089



**CLEAN & COZY, GREAT LOCATION!** Nice clean, cozy, and ready to move into. This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is neat, clean, cozy & ready to move into. Great location with a beautiful mixture of hardwoods, and just minutes from Skyline Ski Park. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer, with lots of room in the 24'x32' garage to store all the toys. \$85,900 #229082




**CHARMING HOME WITH VIEW OF HOUGHTON LAKE** Loaded with charm and partially furnished, this 1 bedroom, 1 bath home has beautiful landscaping and includes a new bath this year, new storm doors and more. Home is only 300' from Houghton Lake. Garage has large attached workshop/storage area. \$79,900 #228100

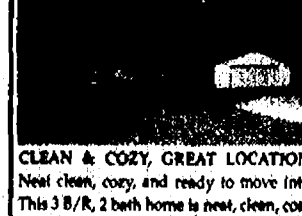


**REMODELED CABIN WITH LAKE MARQUETTE ACCESS** A 2BR, 1 bath remodeled cabin. Newer roof, windows, doors, siding, carpet, garage and 4' well. Only 2 blocks to a road, and easement to Lake Marquette. Possible land contract terms with good credit check. \$98,000 #229226

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**AUTO REPAIR SHOP** Auto service repair shop with some new equipment. Located in Frederic by major snowmobile trails. Great opportunity for auto and/or small engine service business. \$145,000 #228221



**PRIME 50 ACRES OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY** Prime industrial acreage. Great location with close access to I-75. High and dry with lots of potential, seller willing to consider splitting parcel. Property backs up to I-75 North. Great location for your industrial business. \$499,000 #230247

**BEAUTIFUL WOODED LOT WITH ROLLING HILLS** These nicely wooded 10 acres are the perfect place for that log cabin. Rolling and hilly with lots of wildlife, electric is approximately 1/2 mile away. \$32,000 #226359

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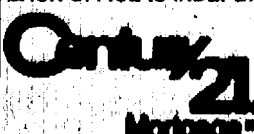
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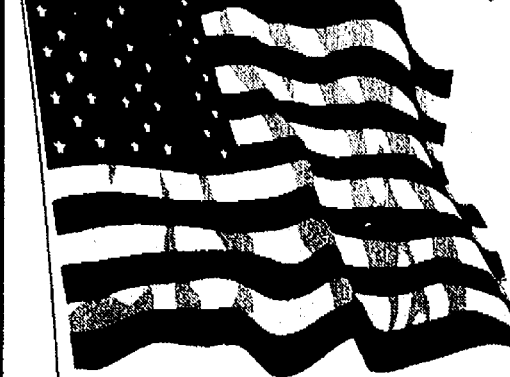
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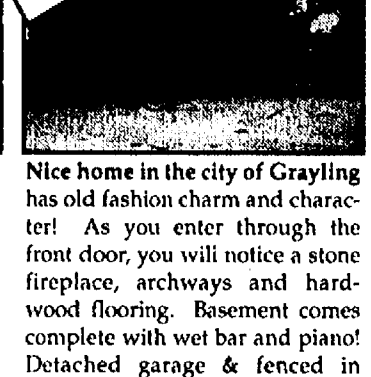
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| NOAA        | BALED       | CHAO  |   |
| FUSS        | OPINE       | YEGG  |   |
| ORTHODONTIC | LSI         |       |   |
| ELI         | GOAT        |       |   |
| ALSACE      | ANGLES      |       |   |
| ALE         | FECAL       | SPRAT |   |
| LOBO        | SOLOS       | SIVA  |   |
| ANENT       | LLOYD       | NOW   |   |
| ENCASE      | FROGGY      |       |   |
| SERA        | IRA         |       |   |
| PSR         | PROGRAMMERS |       |   |
| ALAN        | AGAIN       | MSEE  |   |
| ROUE        | HEMP        | AMIA  |   |
| DEMO        | EYE         | SENT  |   |

## 3. Employment

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### City of Grayling PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The City of Grayling is accepting applications for the position of Department of Public Works Director. The Director will be responsible for the effective operation of the City DPW. The department operates and maintains the City's water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street systems. The Director is responsible for the administration of a \$1,000,000 plus budget and the oversight of six knowledgeable employees, as well as working with the City administration, regulatory agencies, and customers. The successful candidate will serve under the general direction of the City Manager.

**Applicant Requirements:**  
High school education  
Good oral and written skills  
Basic computer knowledge  
Five (5) years experience in municipal infrastructure  
Valid Michigan CDL with air brake endorsement  
Demonstrate ability to obtain D-3, L-2, and S-3 licenses  
Management experience preferred  
Position open until filled. Salary \$35,000 - \$40,000 DOQ.

The City of Grayling will provide "reasonable accommodation" to qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable state and local laws. The City also considers all applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap or disability, or status as a Vietnam-era or special disabled veteran in accordance with federal law.

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# Maintenance

### Overall Job Description:

- ✓ Install, maintain, and repair machinery, equipment, physical structures, pipes and electrical systems in commercial or industrial establishments.
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- ✓ Ability to comprehend instructional manuals, vendor manuals, technical data and work orders.
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- ✓ Read, analyze and interpret work orders
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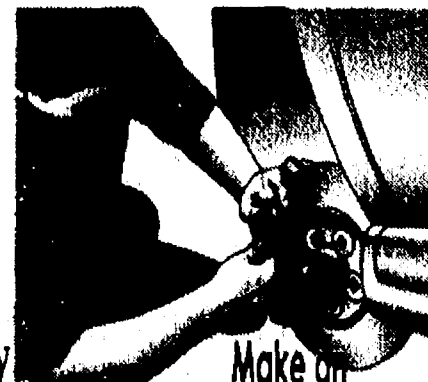
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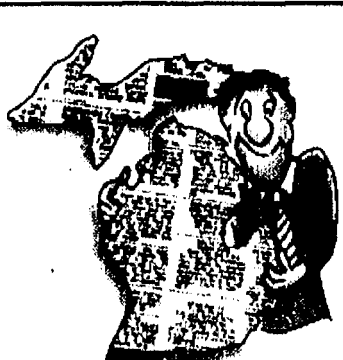
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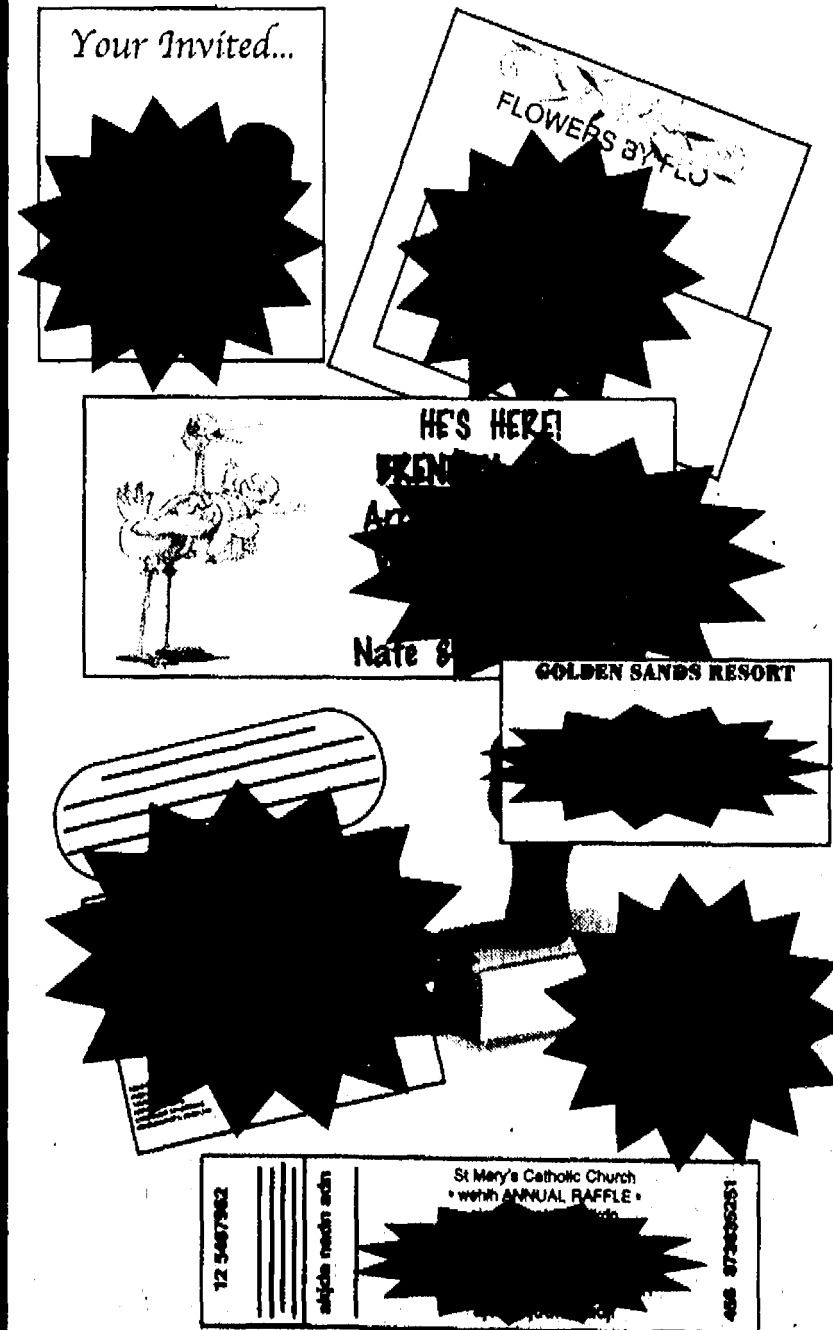
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